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**Serame Taukobong**  
Group Chief Executive Officer

# H1 FY25 Highlights

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Solid data revenue growth driven by compelling data propositions



Cost optimisation programmes yielding results



Significant improvement in net debt to adjusted EBITDA



Sustained positive free cash flow



Telkom Retirement Fund successfully converted to defined contribution fund



Smart capex investment and monetisation of our infrastructure

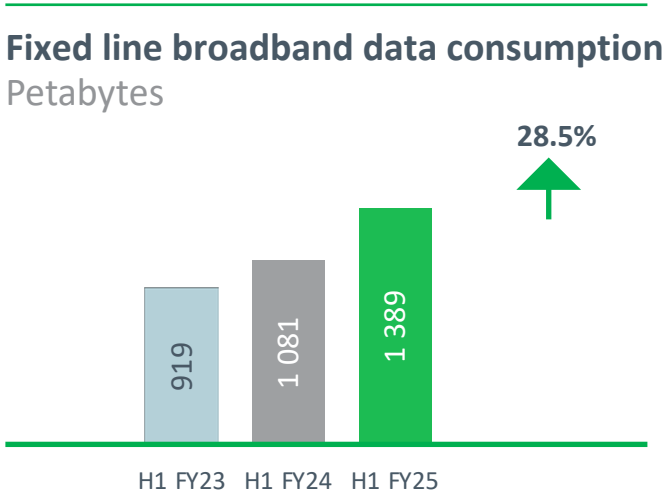
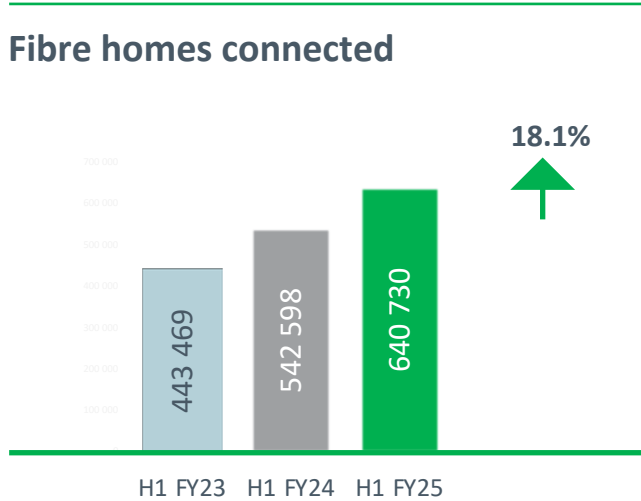
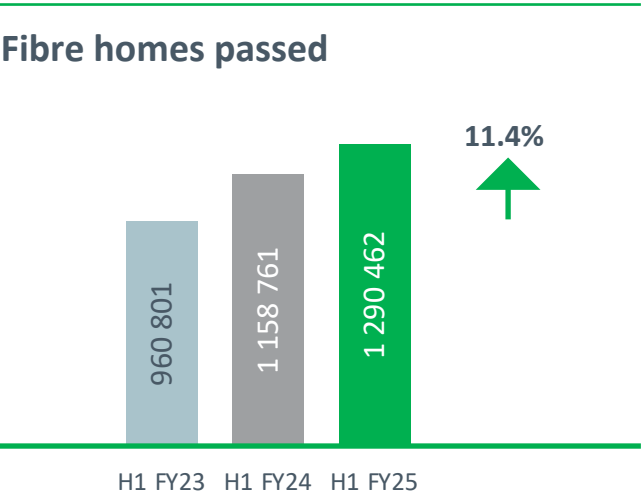
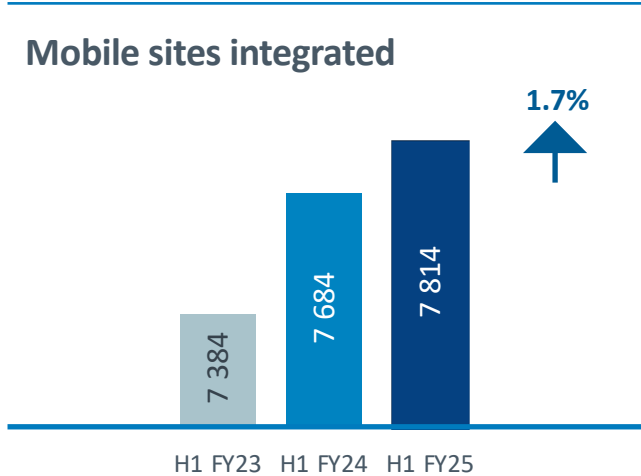
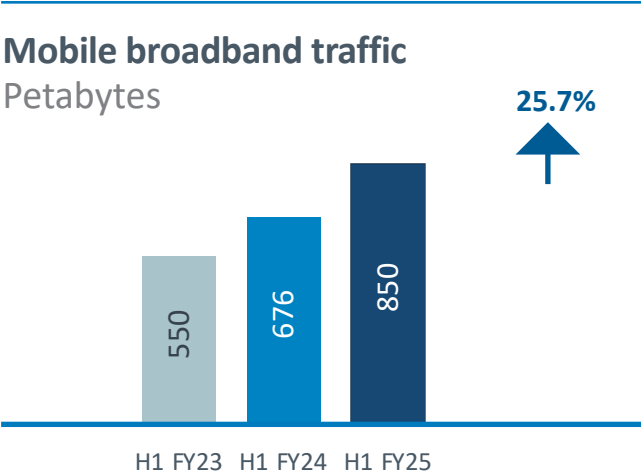
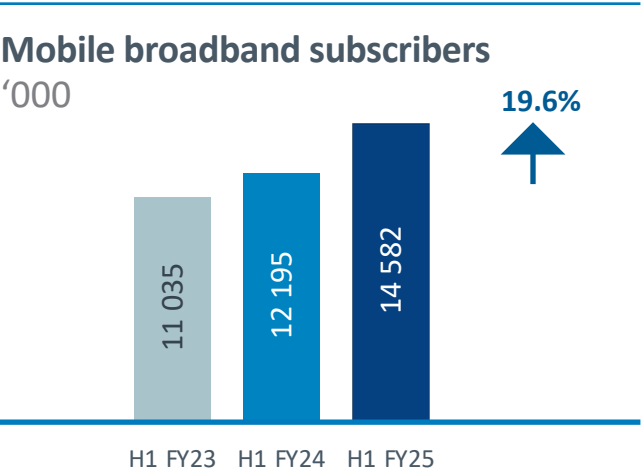


Execution on disposals of non-core assets



## Summary of adjusted financial results for continuing operations

<b>Revenue growth</b>	Group revenue <b>+1.9%</b>	Mobile data revenue <b>+12.7%</b>	Fibre data revenue <b>+15.5%</b>
<b>Earnings</b>	Adjusted EBITDA <b>+18.3%</b> <b>R5 606m</b>	Adjusted EBITDA margin <b>+3.6ppts</b> <b>26.2%</b>	Adjusted HEPS <b>+68.0%</b> <b>262.6c</b>
<b>Balance sheet strength</b>	Net debt to adjusted EBITDA <b>1.3x</b>	Interest cover <b>5.9x</b>	Net debt <b>-12.4%</b>
<b>Other financial measures</b>	Adjusted profit after tax <b>+80.3%</b>	Positive Free Cash Flow <b>R768m</b>	Capex intensity <b>11.9%</b>



<sup>1</sup> Annual Consumer Price Index as at 30 September 2024



## Disposal of non-core assets

- **R204 million** realised from property sales
- **39 properties** with estimated R731 million sales value in conveyancing process

## Swiftnet disposal progressing well

- **Competition Tribunal approval** received in September, following Competition Commission recommendation to approve transaction
- Tribunal conditions accepted by Purchaser
- Awaiting **ICASA** approval for license transfer to Purchaser







**1.58 GWh**

renewable energy generated at Belville and Telkom Park, contributing to energy transition



**450 820**

SMMEs with presence on our YEP digital marketplace aimed at growing and enhancing reach for local businesses



**34%**

female representation at management/ leadership roles in our permanent workforce



**376 tonnes**

of copper recovered from our network for recycling



**955 +**

network sites installed with lithium-ion batteries for primary backup during power outages



**257**

Openserve sites generating renewable energy



• Numbers have been rounded off  
• 4.2% annual LARR (Linear Annual Reduction Rate) reduction target for carbon emissions





# Business Units Reviews





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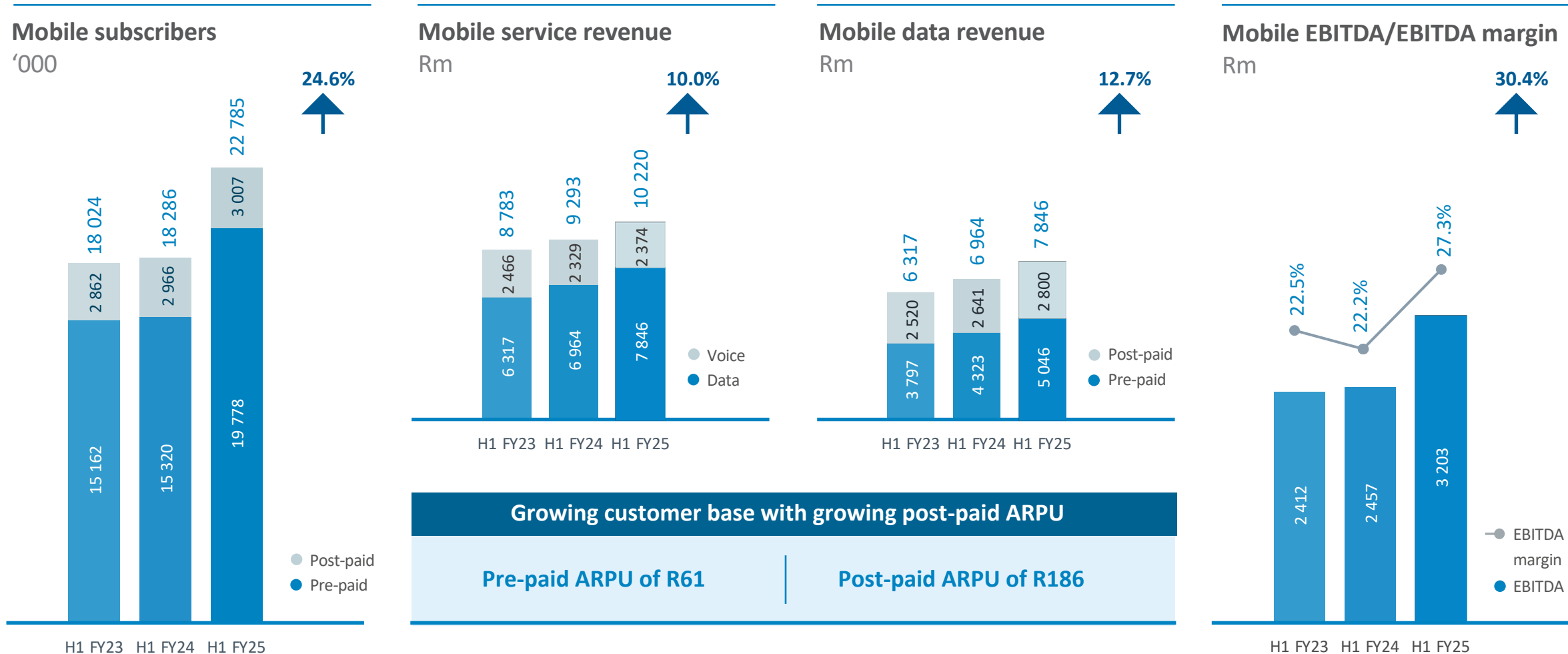
# Telkom *Consumer*

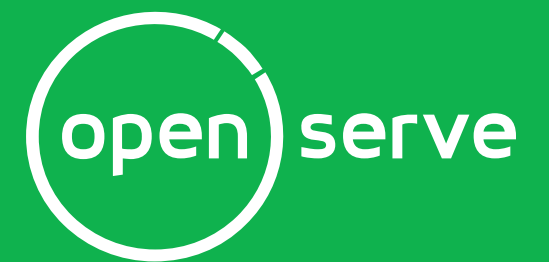
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<b>Best Mobile Provider in South Africa</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2024/25 Ask Afrika Orange Index – benchmark of customer service excellence</li></ul>	<b>Positive customer experience on our network</b> 
<b>High pre-paid growth and steady ARPU</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• +29.1% pre-paid subscriber growth</li><li>• CVM investment and Monice drive</li><li>• Deep segmented data proposition</li></ul>	<b>Compelling value propositions</b> 
<b>Data-led network</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High 4G &amp; 5G device penetration – 93%</li><li>• Continuous strengthening of coverage and reach – further sub 1GHz deployments</li><li>• No legacy 2G network</li></ul>	<b>Best positioned to benefit from 2G/3G migration</b> 
<b>Post-paid stable</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Postpaid ARPU growth</li><li>• Flex-on sim only attractive data propositions</li></ul>	



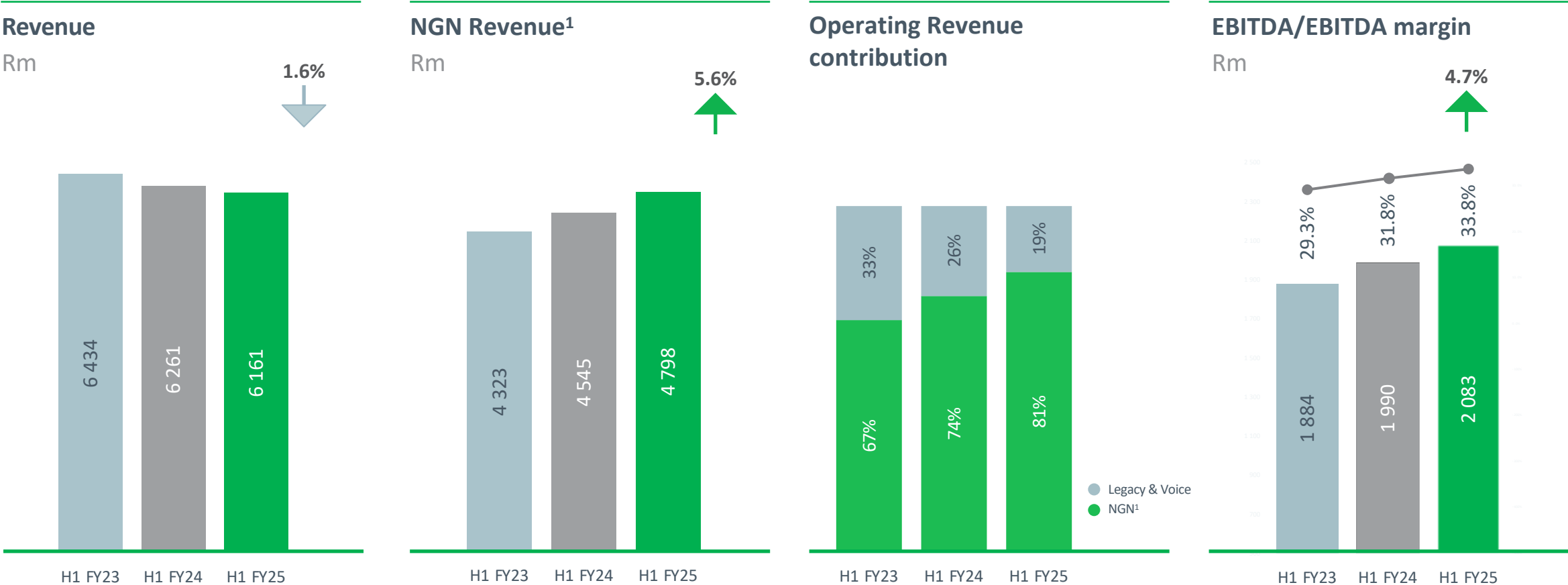
# Mobile service revenue growth ahead of market





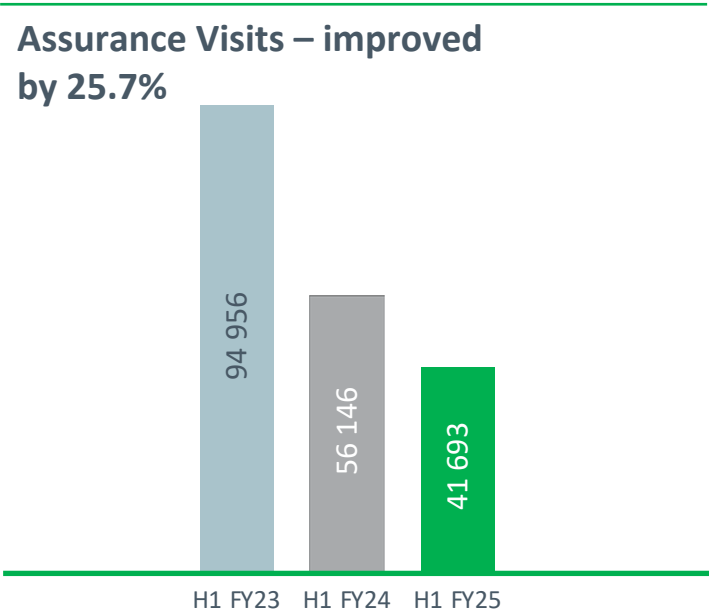
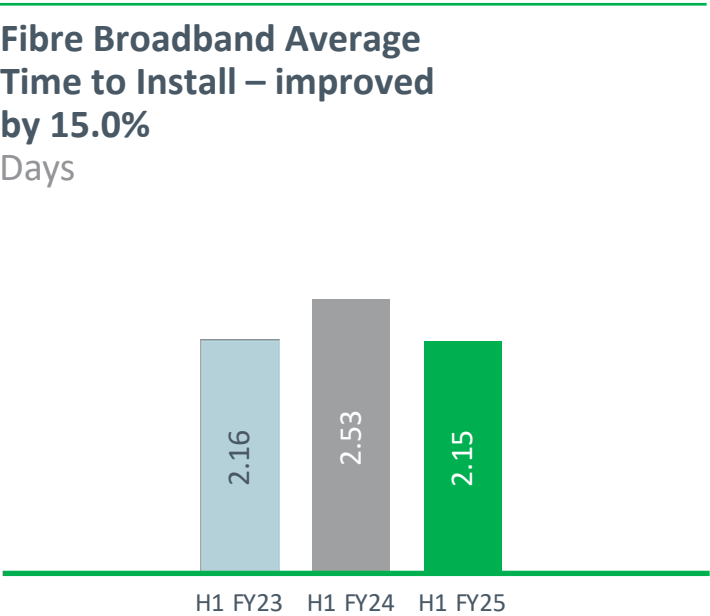
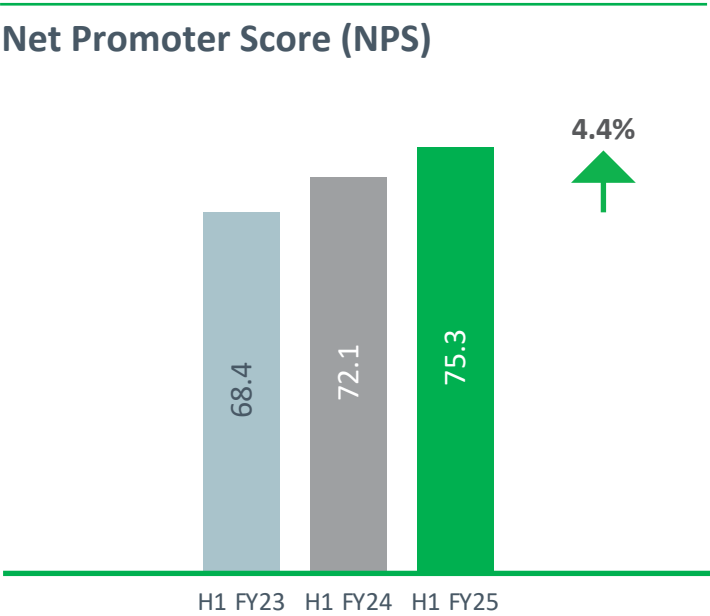
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# Continued growth in NGN revenue and improved EBITDA margin driven by network modernisation

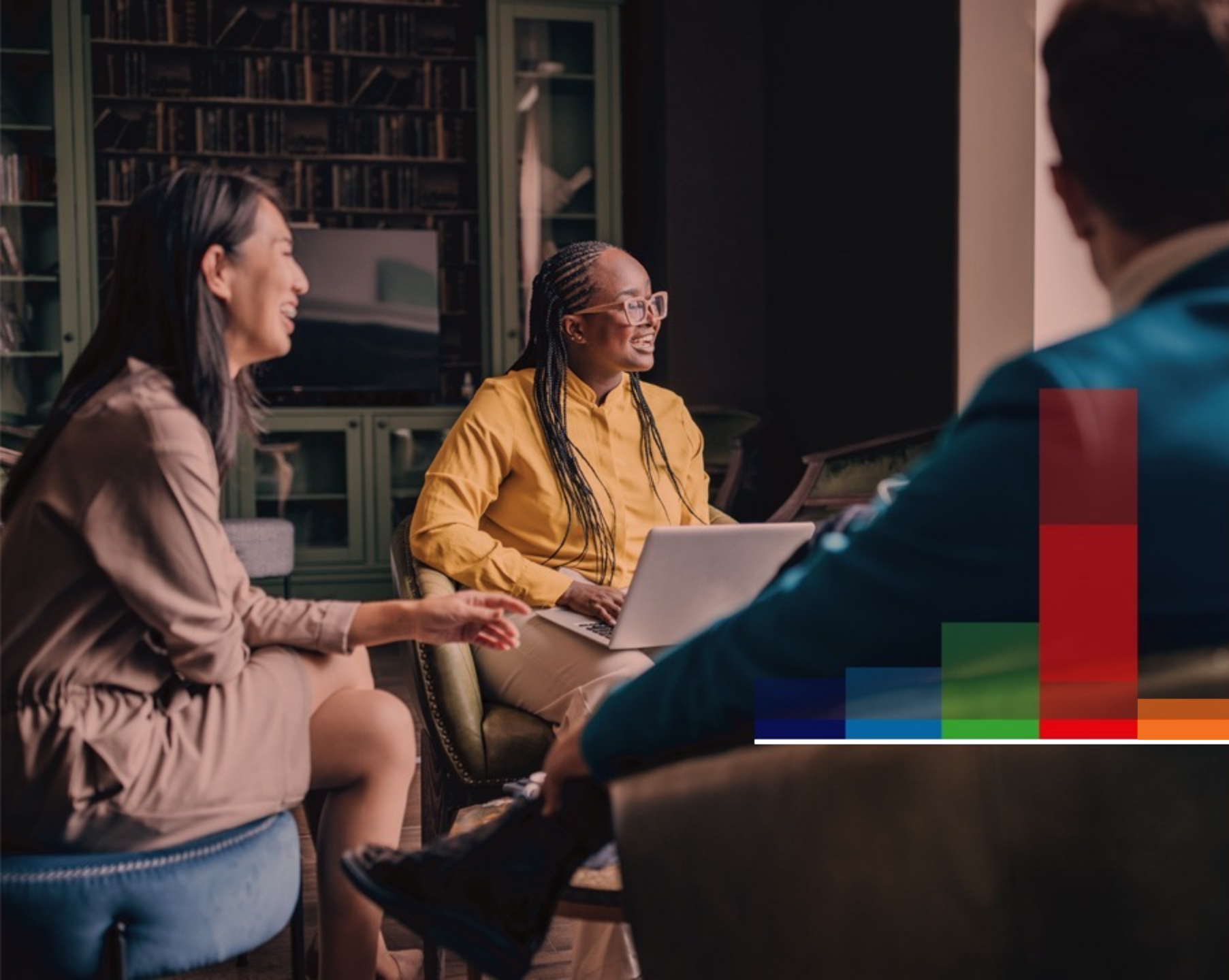


<sup>1</sup> Inclusive of Satellite Services and Interconnect Revenue

# Transforming service delivery through our customer-centric approach and high availability of network



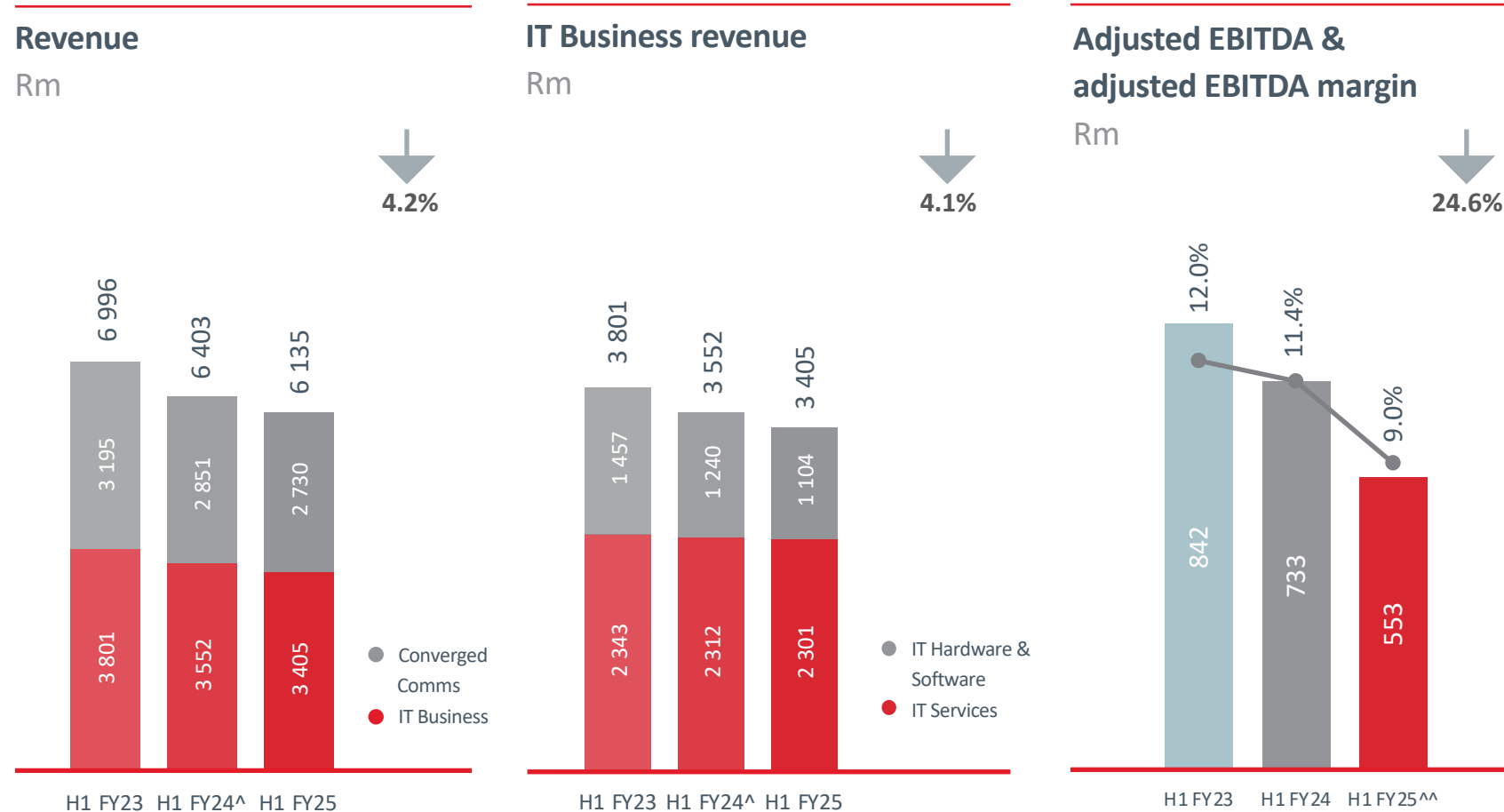




# BCX

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# BCX programme focuses on reducing operational costs and improving revenue mix



## Programme focus

- Grow IT services revenue and improve margin
- Cost containment & rightsizing – ~400 people exited
- Portfolio optimisation and sales effectiveness
- Protect converged comms revenue through phased migration

^ Restated for IFRS 15 agent accounting adjustment

^^ Excludes the provision of R157 million restructuring cost





# Gyro

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## Accelerated disposal of non-core properties

- R204 million cash proceeds from sale of 30 properties
- Two public auctions yielded further 26 property sales
- 39 properties in conveyancing process with approximately R731 million sales value

## Enhancing operational efficiencies

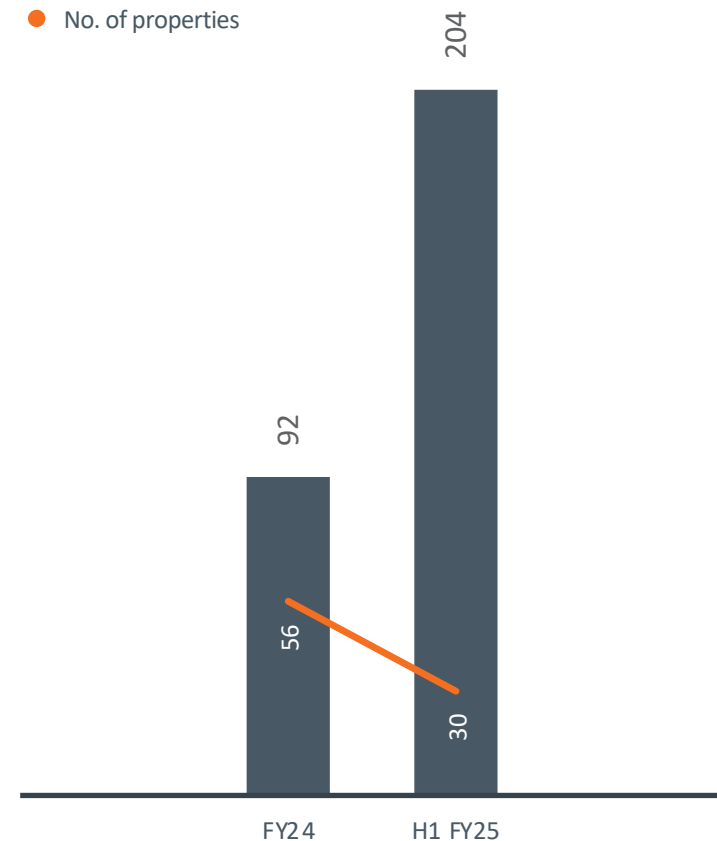
### Enhanced energy resilience for Telkom networks and operations

- Optimising utilities and energy costs
  - Diversification of energy sources
- Scope 1 and 2 emissions reduced by 17%

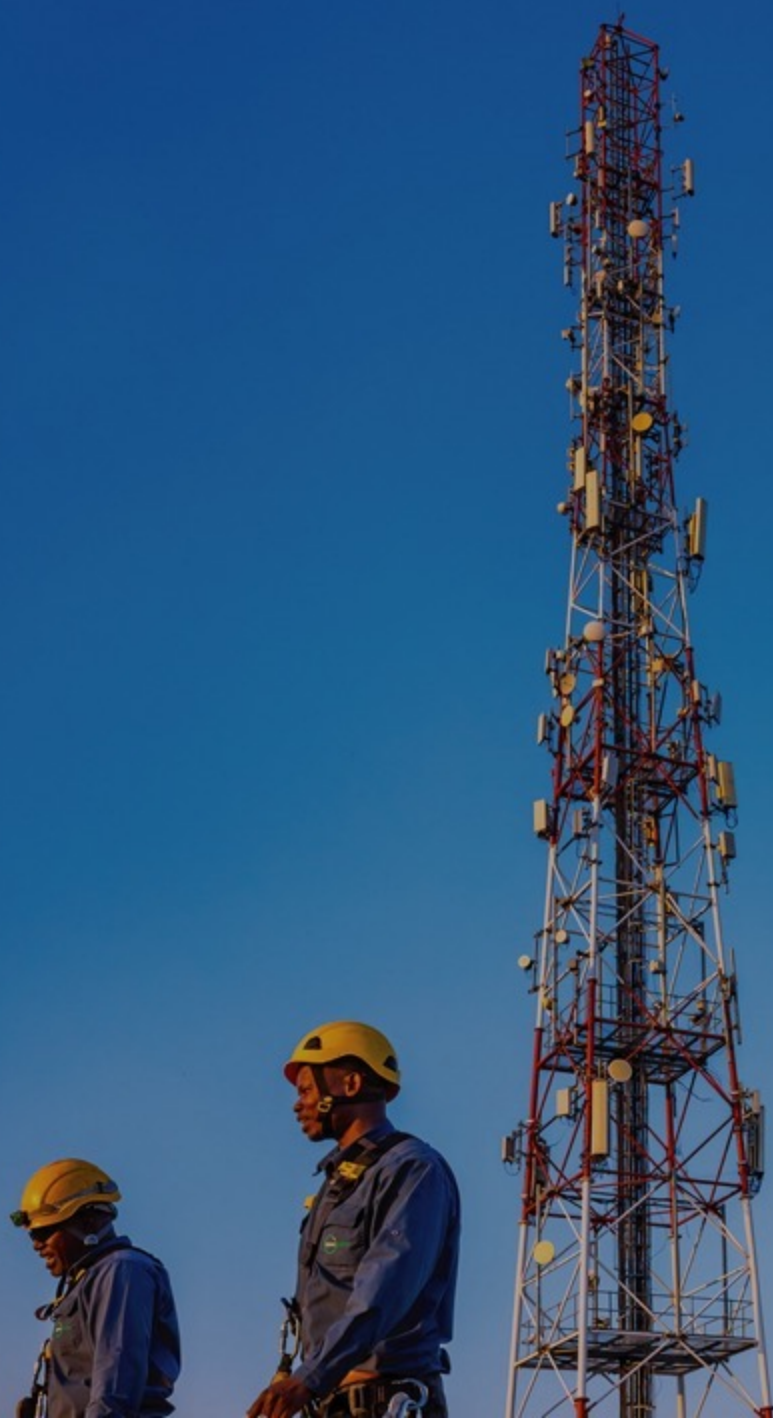
## Completed property sales

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- Cash proceeds
- No. of properties



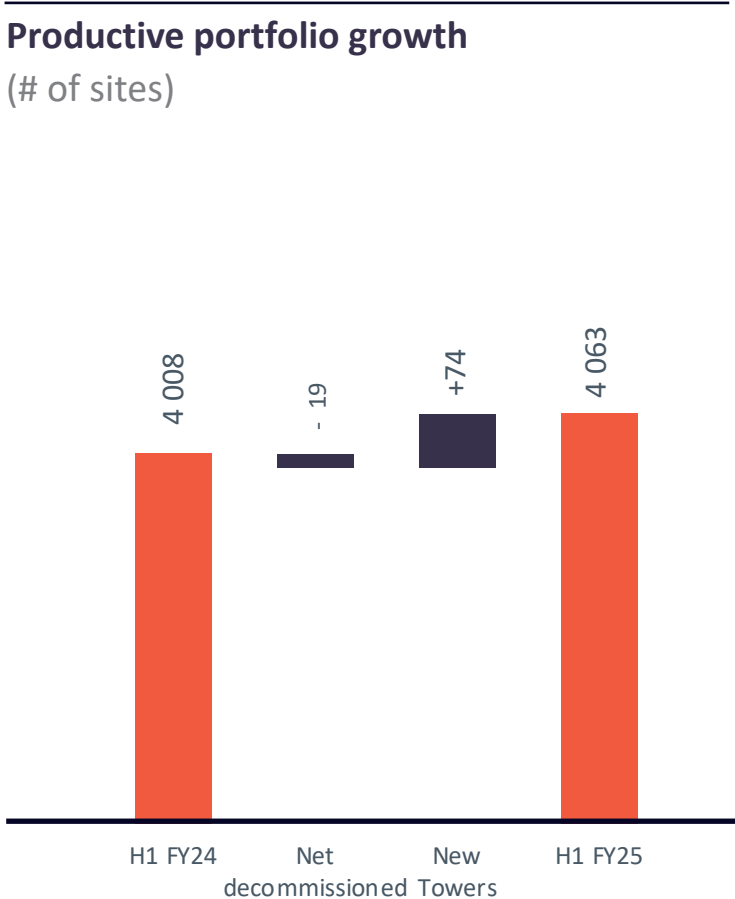
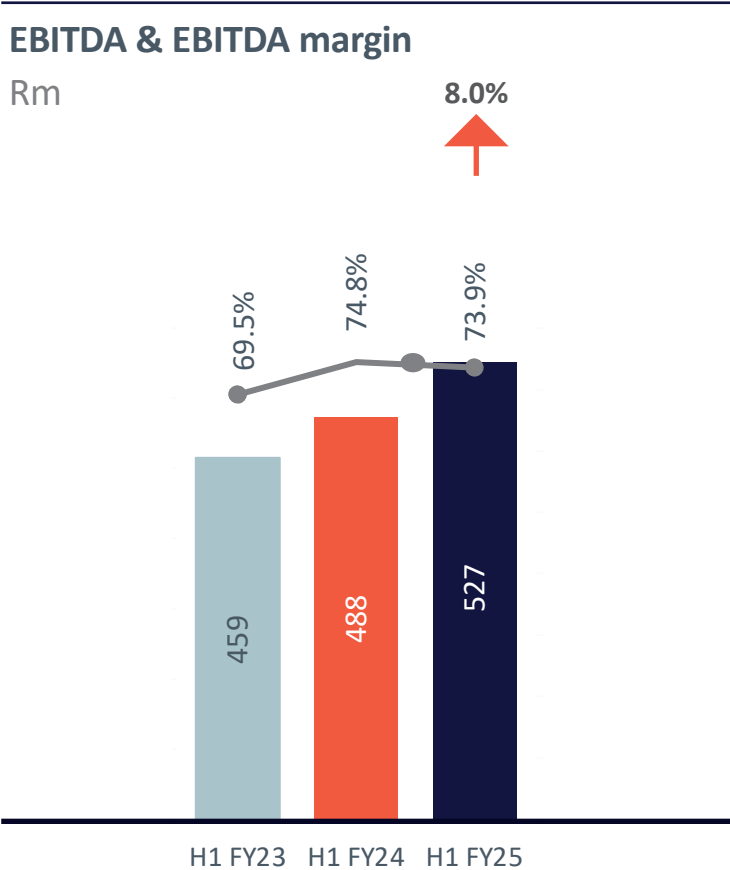
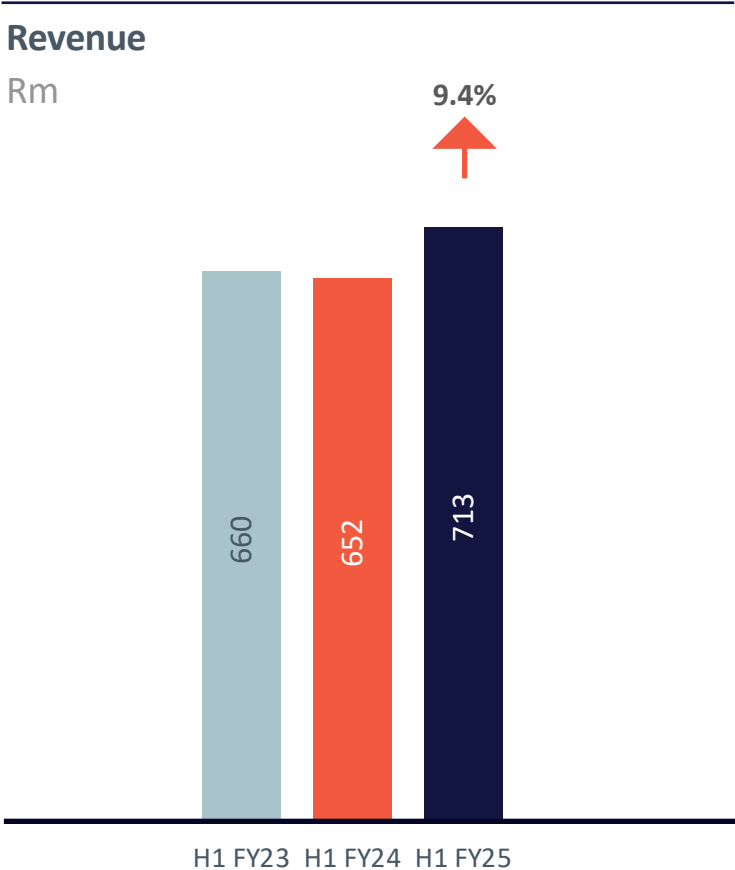




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# Swiftnet stable revenue growth and productive portfolio



*In the prior year, Swiftnet was classified as a non-current asset held for sale and presented as a discontinued operation in the Group statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.*

*1: 74 New Towers is comprised of 63 towers and 11 IBS*

**Nonkululeko Dlamini**  
Group Chief Financial Officer

## Financial Review

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## Service revenue growth

Solid revenue growth from mobile, fibre related data & Information technology services

## Cost optimisation programme

Yielding results

## Positive FCF

Improved operational performance and a measured approach towards capex

## Net debt to adjusted EBITDA

Significant improvement

## Debt reduction

Improves finance charges

## Derisking the balance sheet

Converting the TRF from a defined benefit to a defined contribution plan

## Non-core assets monetised




Positively contributing to a strong liquidity position

## Swiftnet classified as held for sale

The transaction has progressed and awaiting ICASA approval



# Telkom Retirement Fund (TRF) successfully converted from defined benefit to defined contribution

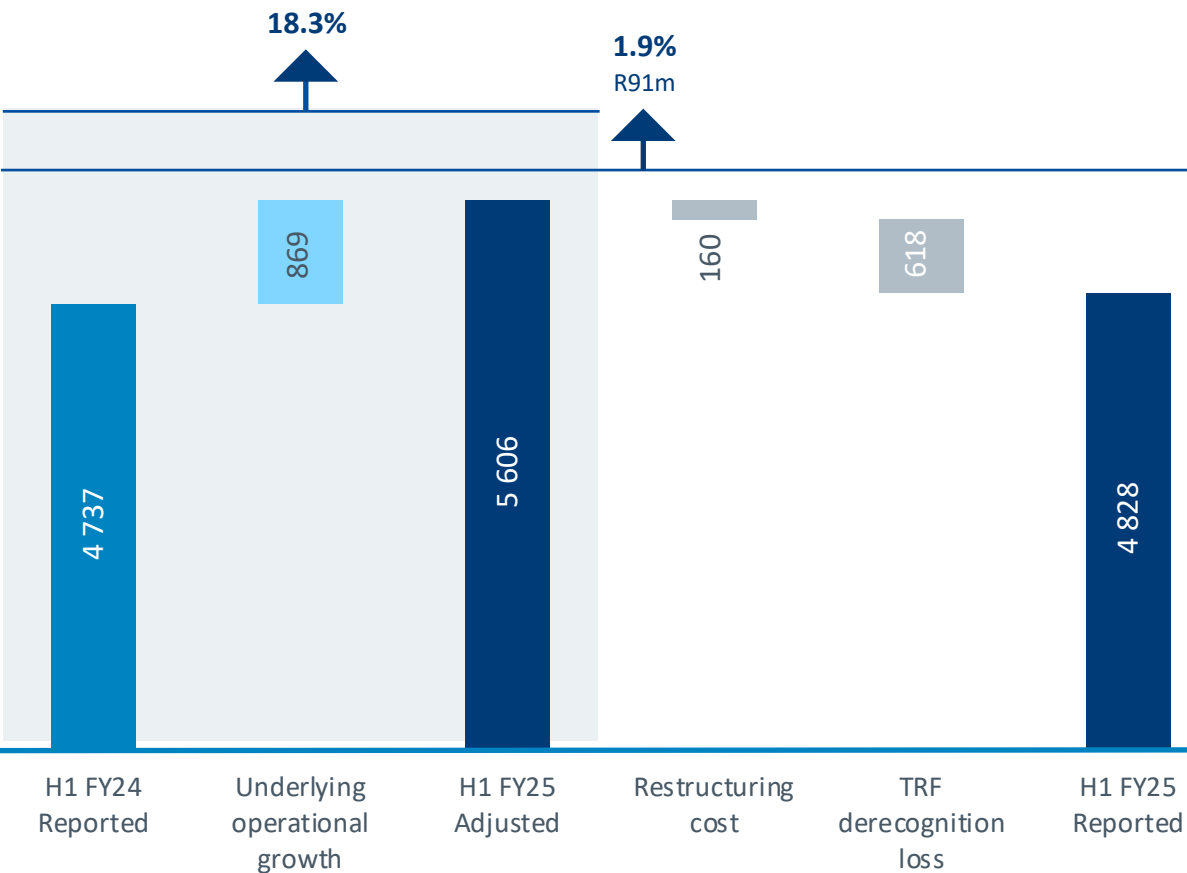
Balance sheet derisked in line with best practice		
Regulatory approval for the rule change received in the first half of FY25		
Financial position	Statement of profit or loss	Statement of cash flows
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Derecognition of the TRF liability of <b>R42.3 billion</b>.</li><li>The liability is fully funded by assets of <b>R42.6 billion</b>, which was also derecognised.</li></ul> 	<p>The derecognition results in a negative financial impact of <b>R618 million</b>, consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The asset restriction that would have been accounted for in other comprehensive income of <b>R288 million</b>.</li><li>The <b>R330 million</b> provision that Telkom will pay to the TRF in connection with the derecognition.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A once-off payment into the fund of <b>R330 million</b> expected in H2 FY25.</li><li>Cash flows not directly impacted as the payment is funded through an annuity issued in a Cell Captive.</li></ul>  
Financial impact of derisking, a significant contributor to the difference between reported and adjusted results.		

# Continued progress on strategy execution has delivered an 18% increase in adjusted EBITDA

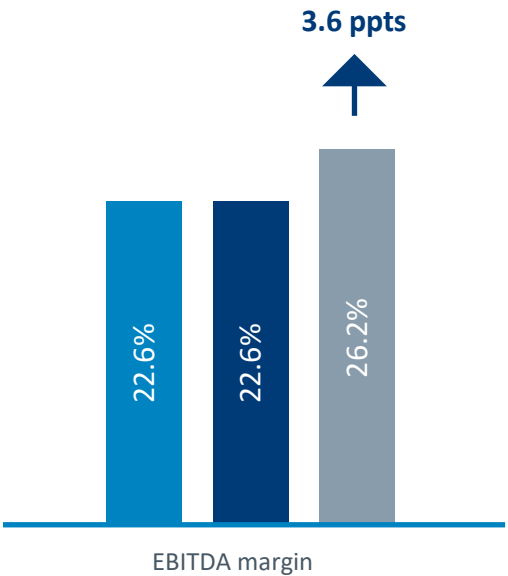
## Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation

### Continuing operations

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- H1 FY24
- H1 FY25
- Adjusted H1 FY25



# Improved underlying Group financial performance driven by operations

## Continuing operations

Group revenue <sup>1</sup>	Adjusted EBITDA <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted EBITDA margin <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted BEPS <sup>2</sup>	Adjusted HEPS <sup>2</sup>	Free cash flow <sup>3</sup>	Net debt to EBITDA <sup>2</sup>
up by <b>1.9%</b> to	up by <b>18.3%</b> to	up <b>3.6 ppts</b> to	up <b>78.9%</b> to	up <b>68.0%</b> to	up by <b>34.0%</b> to	reduce <b>0.5x</b> at
<b>R21.4 billion</b>	<b>R5.6 billion</b>	<b>26.2%</b>	<b>288.9 cents</b> per share	<b>262.6 cents</b> per share	<b>positive</b> <b>R768 million</b>	<b>1.3x</b>
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↑ **Adjusted profit after tax<sup>2</sup> increased 80.3% to R1.4bn**

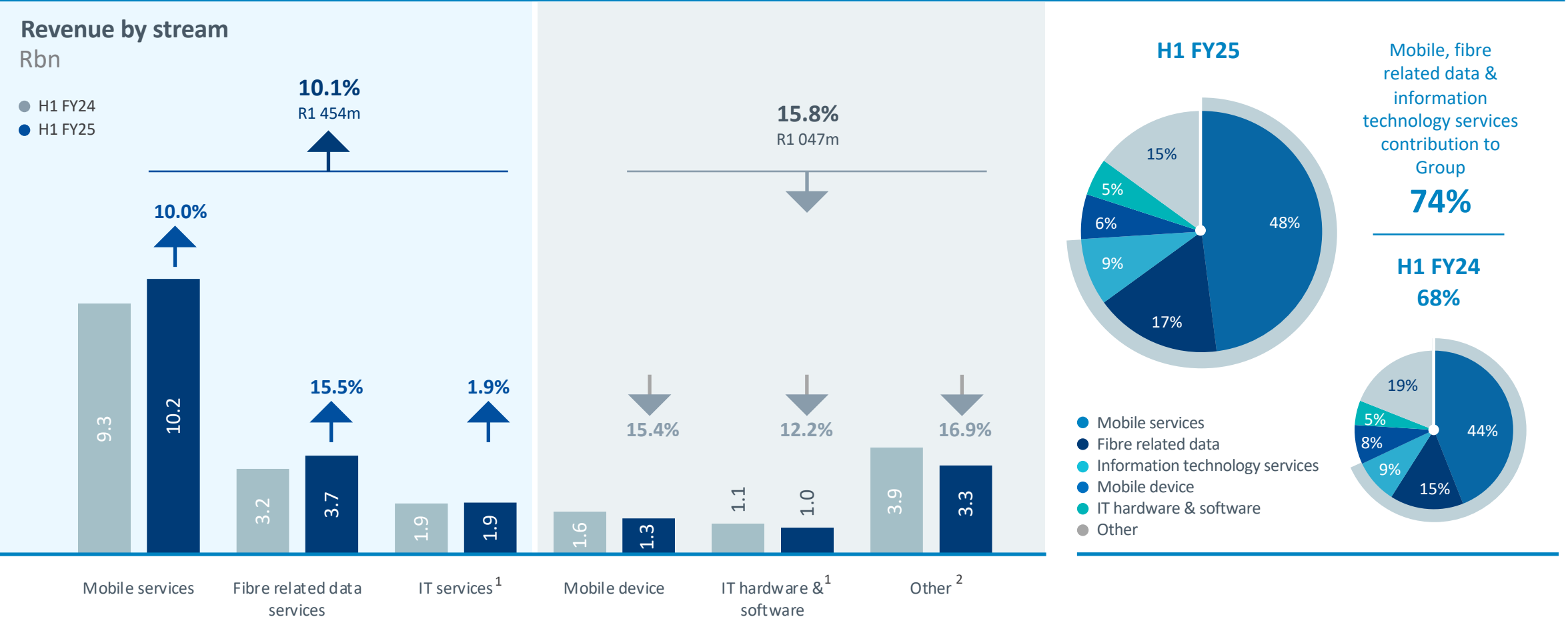
<sup>1</sup> Revenue was restated for the IFRS 15 prior period error.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes the impact of the restructuring cost of R160 million and the Telkom Retirement Fund derecognition loss of R618 million.

<sup>3</sup> Free cash flow growth excludes R1 051 million paid for restructuring cost in H1 FY24.

# Data-led strategy remains key and we will continue to invest in these revenue growth area

## Continuing operations



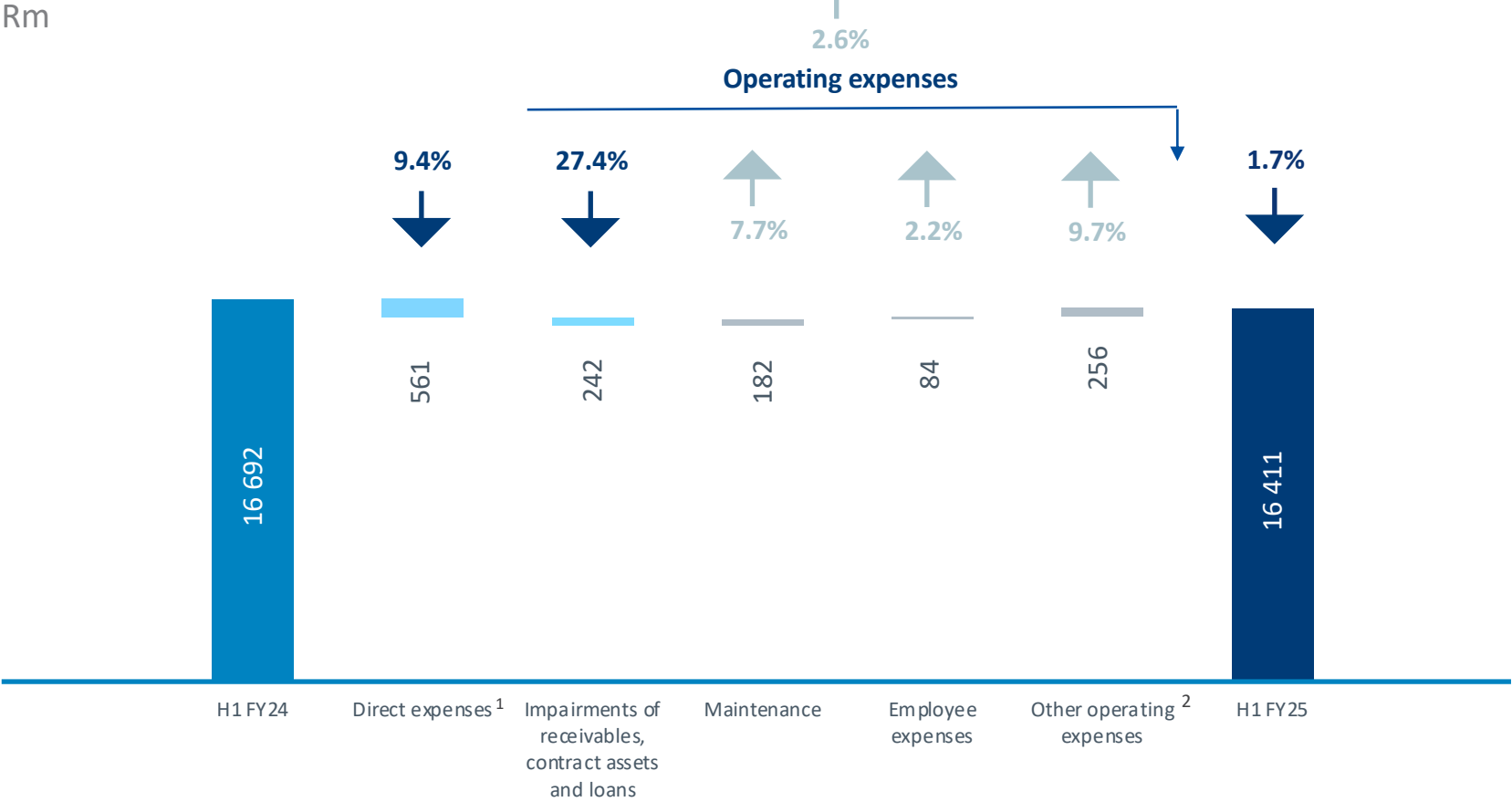
<sup>1</sup> Revenue was restated for the IFRS 15 prior period error.  
<sup>2</sup> Includes fixed voice and interconnection, customer premises equipment sales and rentals, sundry revenue, digital media sales, insurance and lease revenues



# Focused cost optimisation programmes are yielding results

## Total expenses

### Continuing operations



<sup>1</sup> Includes cost of handset, equipment, software and directories, sales commissions and incentives and payments to other operators.  
<sup>2</sup> Includes insurance service expense, employee expenses, other expenses, marketing, service fees and lease-related expenses.

### Cost optimisation Initiatives

- Migration of traffic onto own network
- Managing direct and operational costs
- Network simplification
- Energy diversification
- Employee restructuring

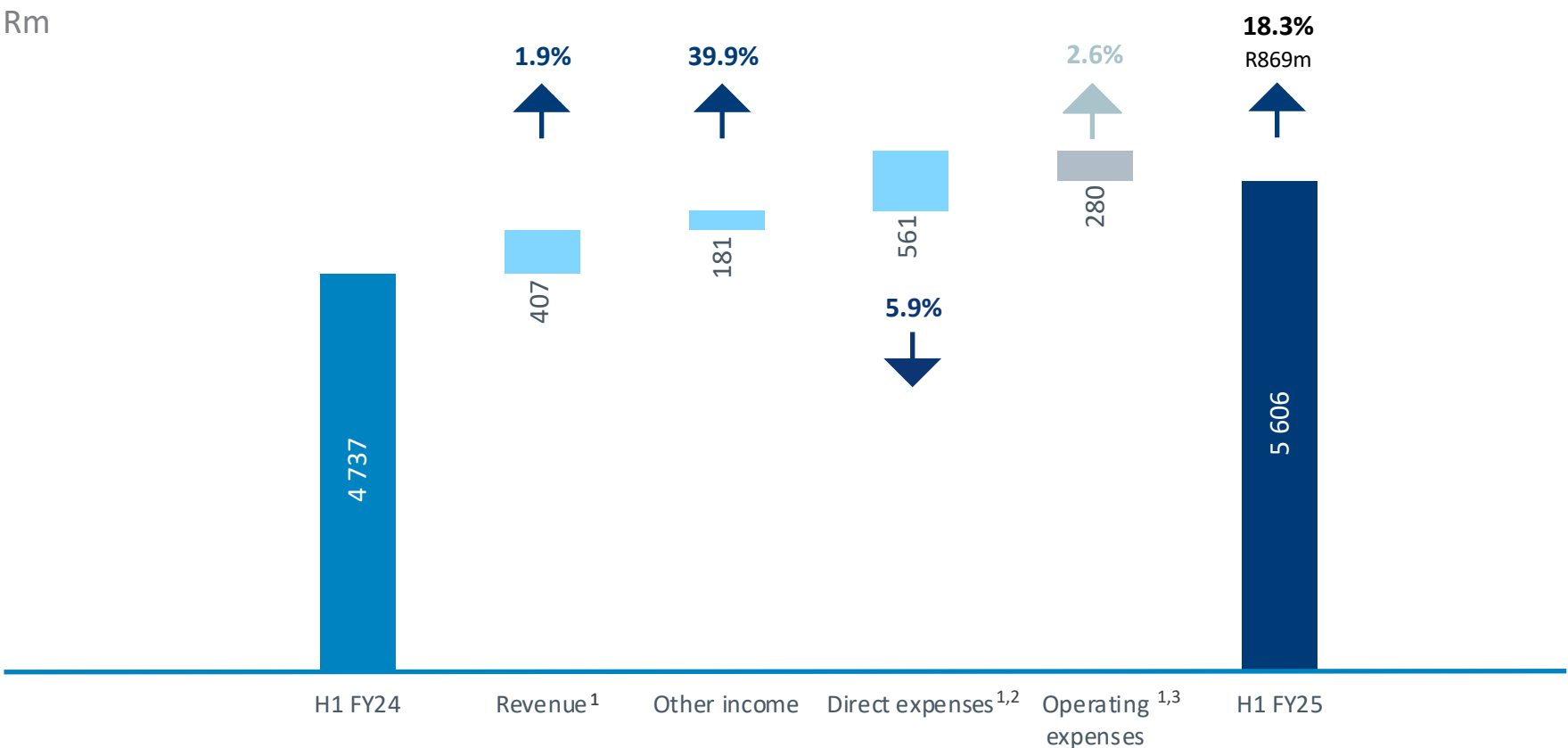


# Improvement in adjusted EBITDA driven by financial discipline and strategy execution

## Adjusted EBITDA improvement

### Continuing operations

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### Comments

- Revenue growth driven by service revenue growth of 10.1%.
- Other income is positively impacted by the gains from property sales in Gyro
- Payments to other operators decreased 22.4% and cost of sales from handset, equipment, software and directories decreased 14.1%
- Operating expenses increase is lower than inflation (3.8%)

<sup>1</sup> Revenue, direct expenses and operating expenses was restated for the IFRS 15 prior period error with no impact on EBITDA.

<sup>2</sup> Includes cost of handset, equipment, software and directories, sales commissions and incentives and payments to other operators.

<sup>3</sup> Includes insurance service expense, employee expenses, other expenses, maintenance, marketing, impairment of receivables and contract assets, service fees and lease-related expenses.

# Adjusted Profit after tax improvement of 80.3%

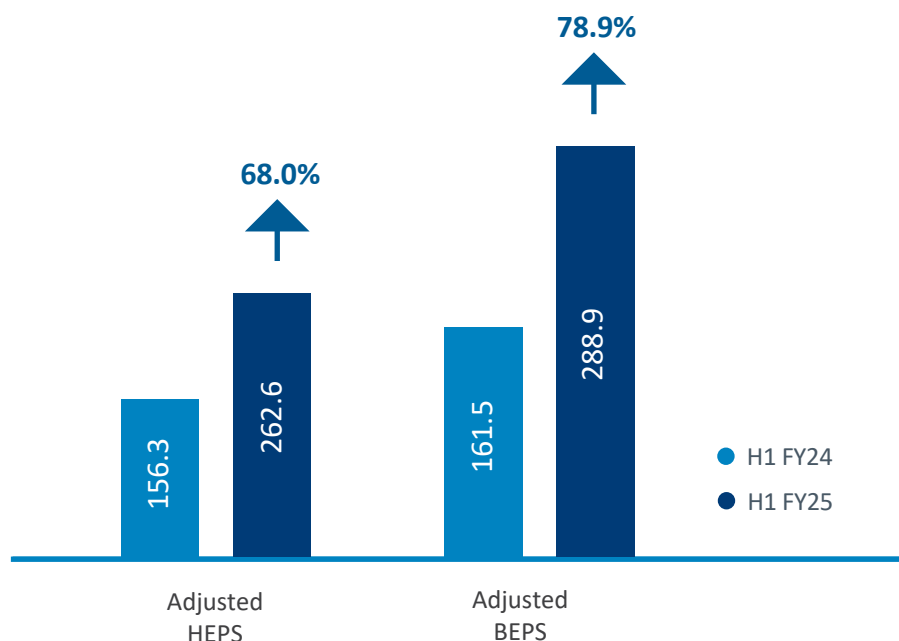
Continuing operations	Reported H1 FY25	Restated H1 FY24	Variance %	Adjusted H1 FY25	Variance %	Comments
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Revenue <sup>1</sup>	21 382	20 975	1.9			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depreciation, amortisation, impairments and write-offs increased 5.7%, mainly due to equipment upgrades that resulted in some of the existing equipment no longer being relevant and written off.</li> <li>Net finance charges and fair value movements down 7.7% benefitting from lower debt levels and a stable average cost of debt</li> <li>Investment income increased 121.6% attributable to higher cash balances</li> </ul>
EBITDA	4 828	4 737	1.9	5 606	18.3	
EBITDA Margin	22.6%	22.6%	3.6	26.2%	3.6 ppts	
Depreciation, amortisation, impairment and write-offs	(2 943)	(2 784)	(5.7)			
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>1 885</b>	<b>1 953</b>	<b>(3.5)</b>	<b>2 663</b>	<b>36.4</b>	
Investment income	164	74	121.6			
Finance charges and fair value movements	(900)	(975)	7.7			
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>1 1 49</b>	<b>1 052</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>1 927</b>	<b>83.2</b>	
Taxation	(296)	(264)	(12.1)	(506)	(91.7)	
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>1 421</b>	<b>80.3</b>	
BEPS (cents)	173.2	161.5	7.2	288.9	78.9	
HEPS (cents)	146.9	156.3	(5.9)	262.6	68.0	

<sup>1</sup> Revenue was restated for the IFRS 15 prior period error.

## Continuing and discontinued earnings

### Continuing operations

Cents per share

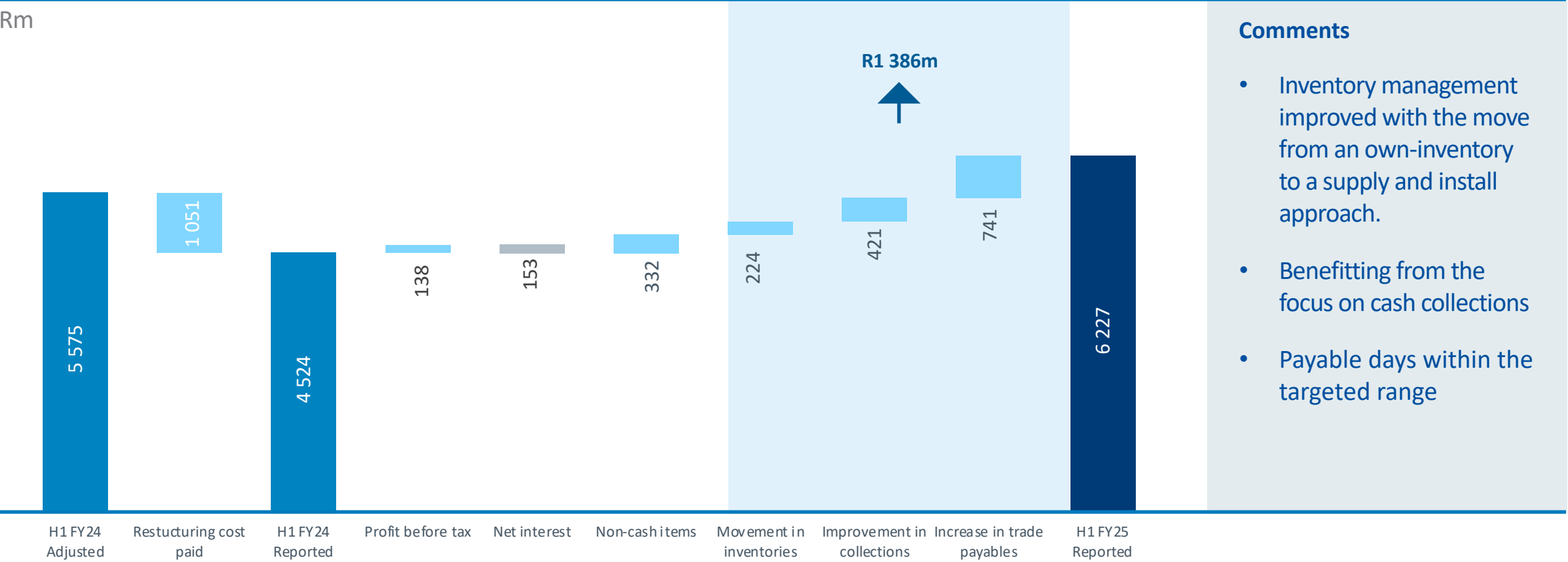


Cents per share	Reported H1 FY25	Reported H1 FY24	Once-off adjustments H1 FY25	Adjusted H1 FY25
<b>BEPS</b>	<b>217.6</b>	<b>200.2</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>333.3</b>
Continuing	173.2	161.5	115.7	288.9
Discontinued	44.4	38.7	-	44.4
Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	(26.1)	(5.2)	-	(26.1)
Net profit on disposal	(45.2)	(8.0)	-	(45.2)
Net write-offs and impairment	19.1	2.8	-	19.1
<b>HEPS</b>	<b>191.5</b>	<b>195.0</b>	<b>115.7</b>	<b>307.2</b>
Continuing	146.9	156.3	115.7	262.6
Discontinued	44.6	38.7	-	44.6
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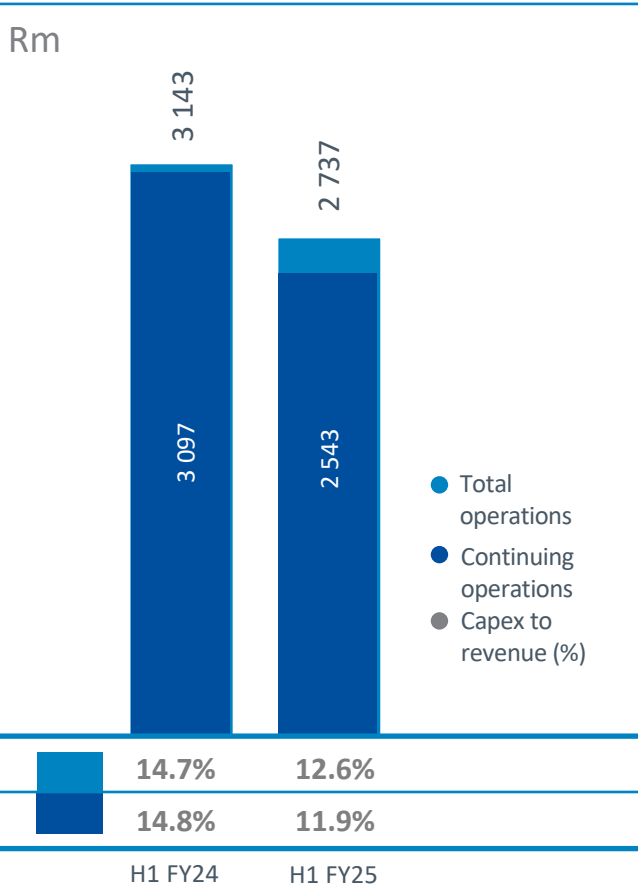
<sup>1</sup> Weighted average number of shares



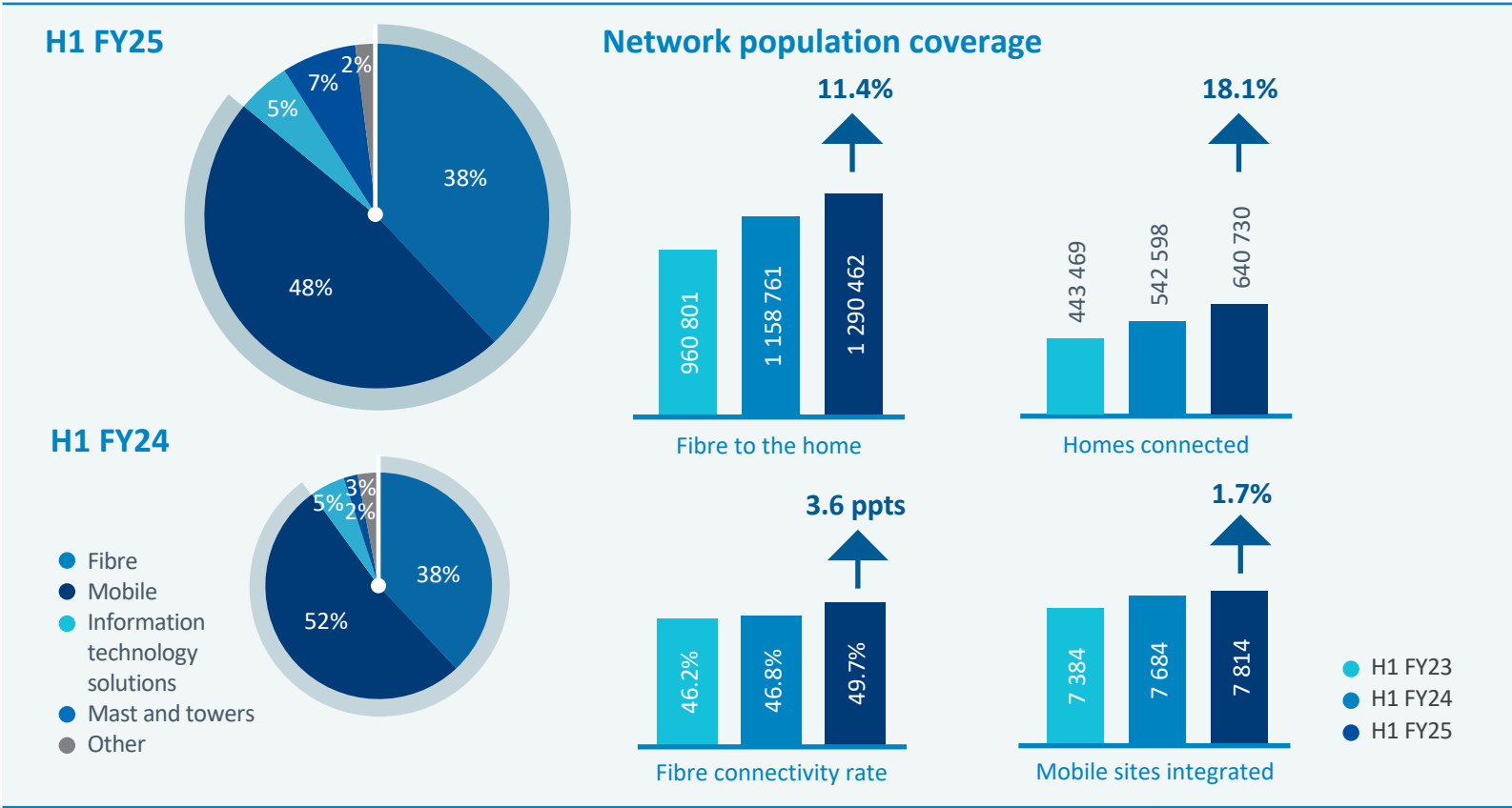
Movements in cash generated from operations



## Capex spend and intensity



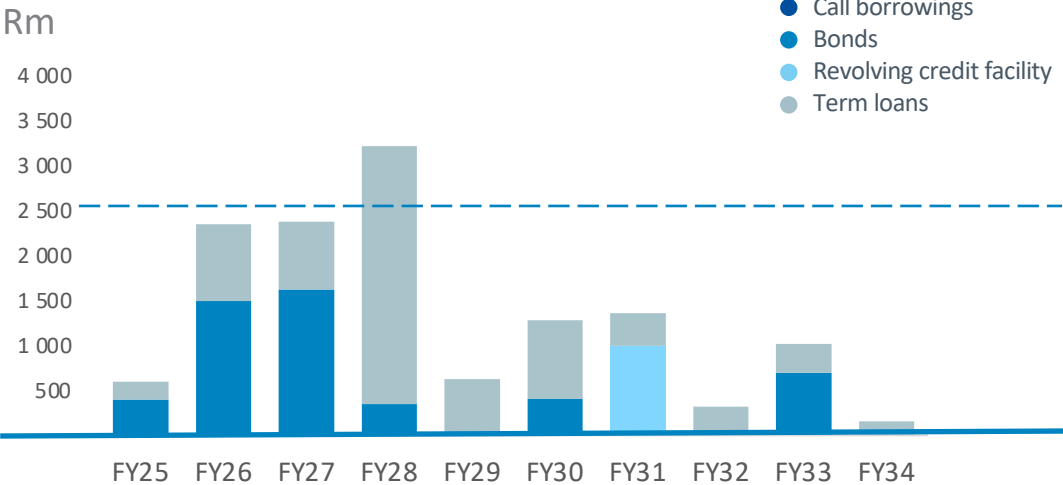
## Capex investments allocation



# Adopted a sustainable but flexible approach in reducing debt and gearing, while improving our liquidity

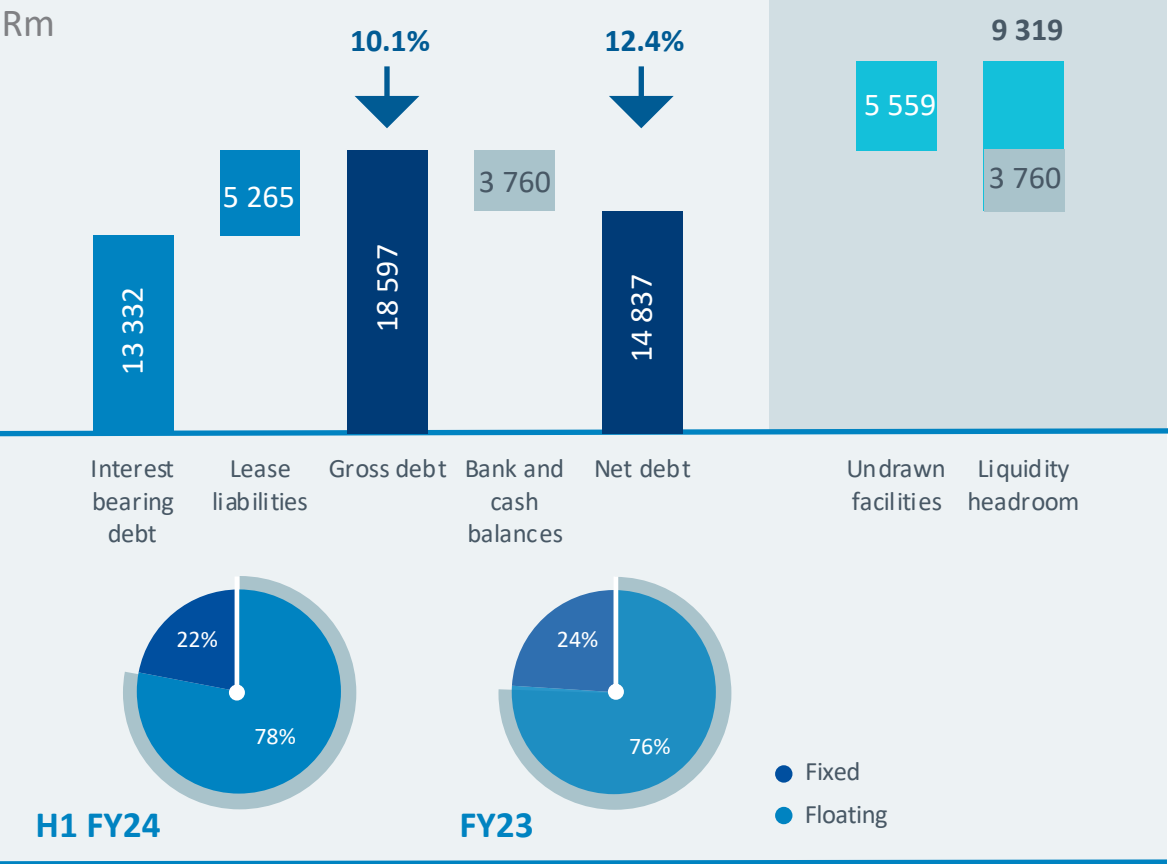
## Continuing operations








### Debt maturity profile



Credit matrix	Loan covenants	H1 FY25	H1 FY24
Net debt to adjusted EBITDA		1.3x	1.8x
Net debt to reported EBITDA	Not exceed 3:1	1.5x	1.7x
Average cost of debt		10.0%	10.0%
Interest cover Incl. IFRS 16	At least 3.5:1	5.9x	5.4x

### Net debt and liquidity headroom



Inputs	Drivers	Medium term guidance FY23 – FY25 (CAGR)	H1 FY25 Reported*	Outputs
Annual strategic review →	New revenue streams (Fibre, Mobile & IT businesses)	Low to mid-single digit Revenue growth 	2.1% 	Sustained momentum  →
	Sustainable cost management program	Low to mid-single digit EBITDA growth* 	2.1% 	
	Capex to fund growth	12 - 15% 	12.6% 	
	Adequate balance sheet	Net debt to EBITDA of 1.5x – 1.9x	1.5x 	

\* Based on total reported operations which includes the impact of the restructuring cost and the TRF derecognition loss.



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## Outlook & Priorities

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Thank you  
Q & A

# Annexures

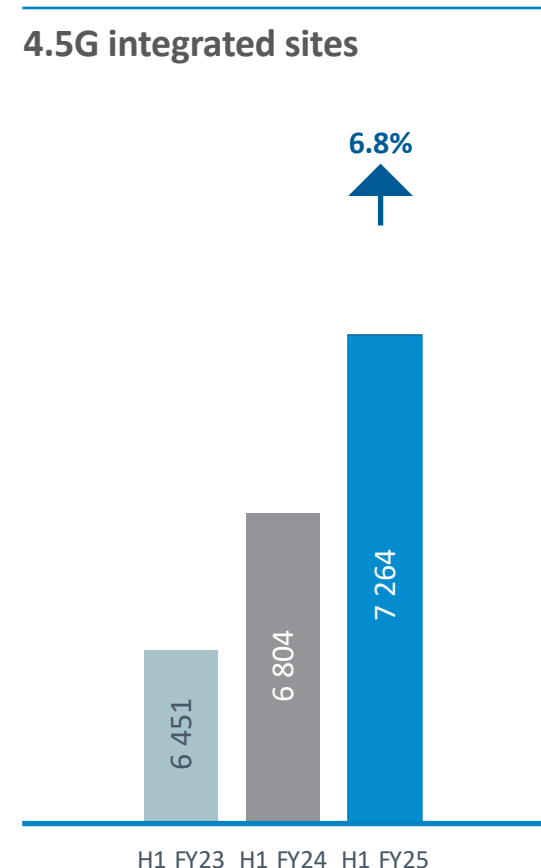
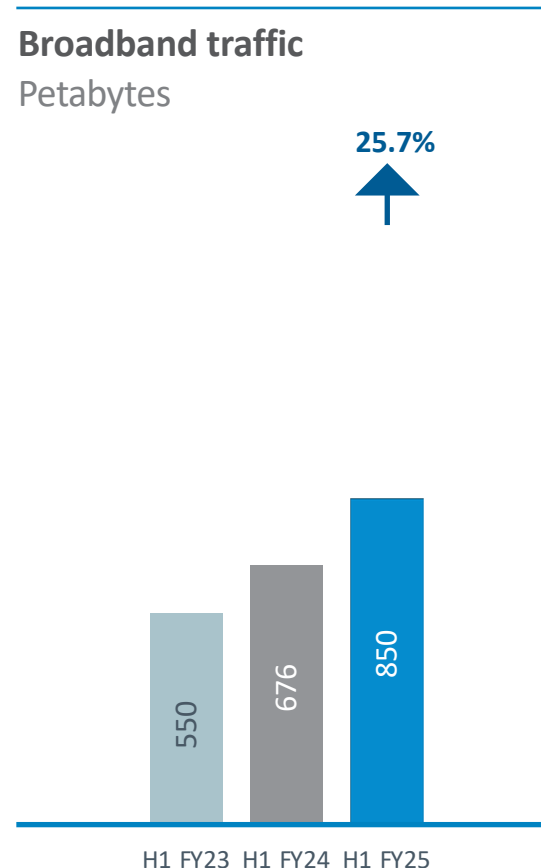
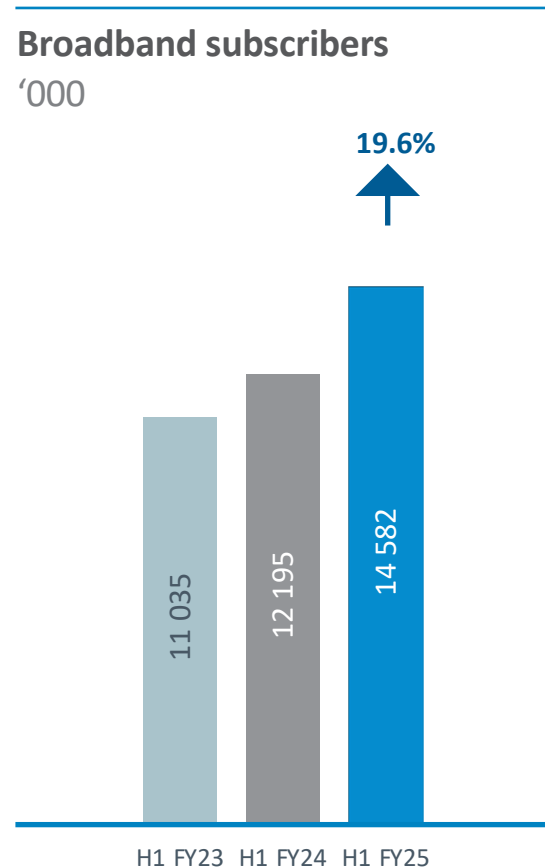
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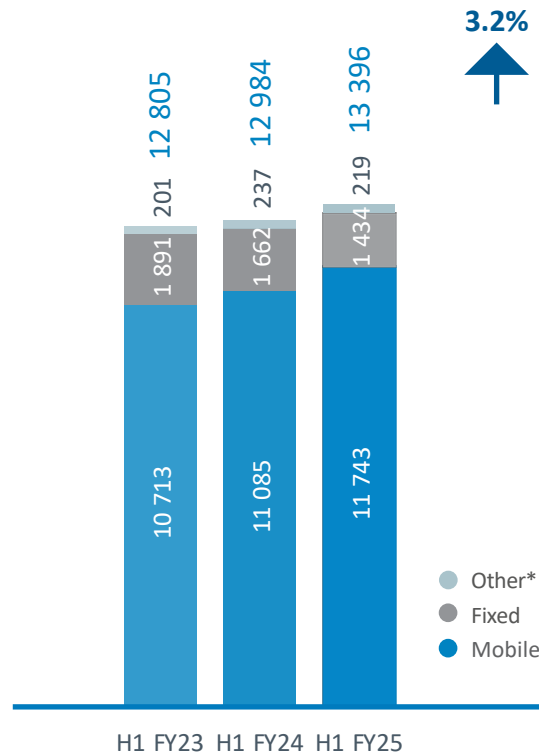


## Improved network coverage & capacity

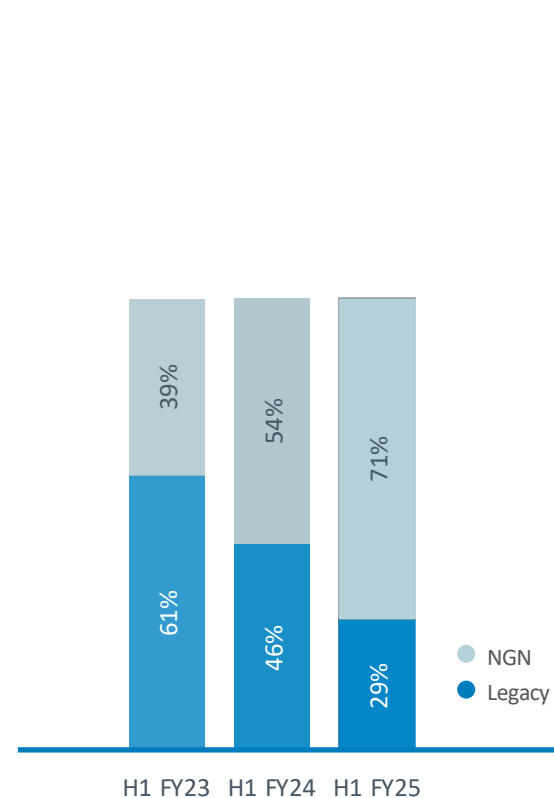
- Extensive deployment of Sub1Ghz
- **82%**  
- 4G population coverage
- **89%**  
- customers are 4G and 5G
- **58%**  
- voice customers on Voice over LTE (VoLTE)

## Consumer Operating Revenue

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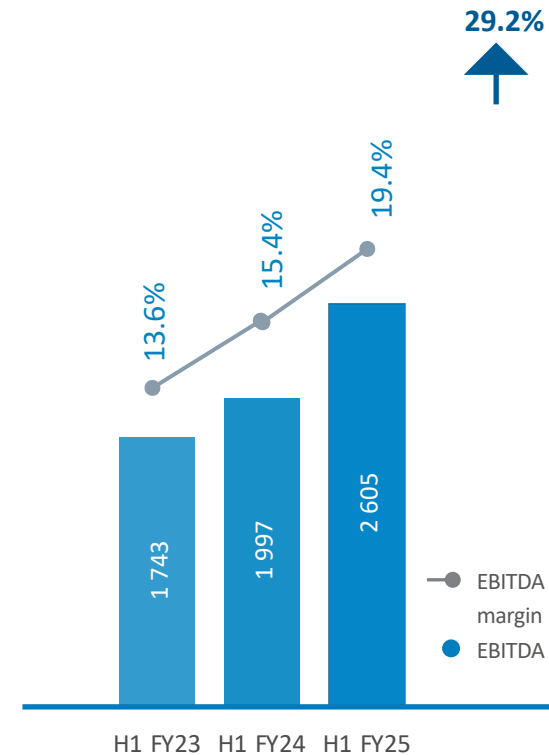


## Fixed-line NGN vs legacy split



## Consumer EBITDA/EBITDA margin

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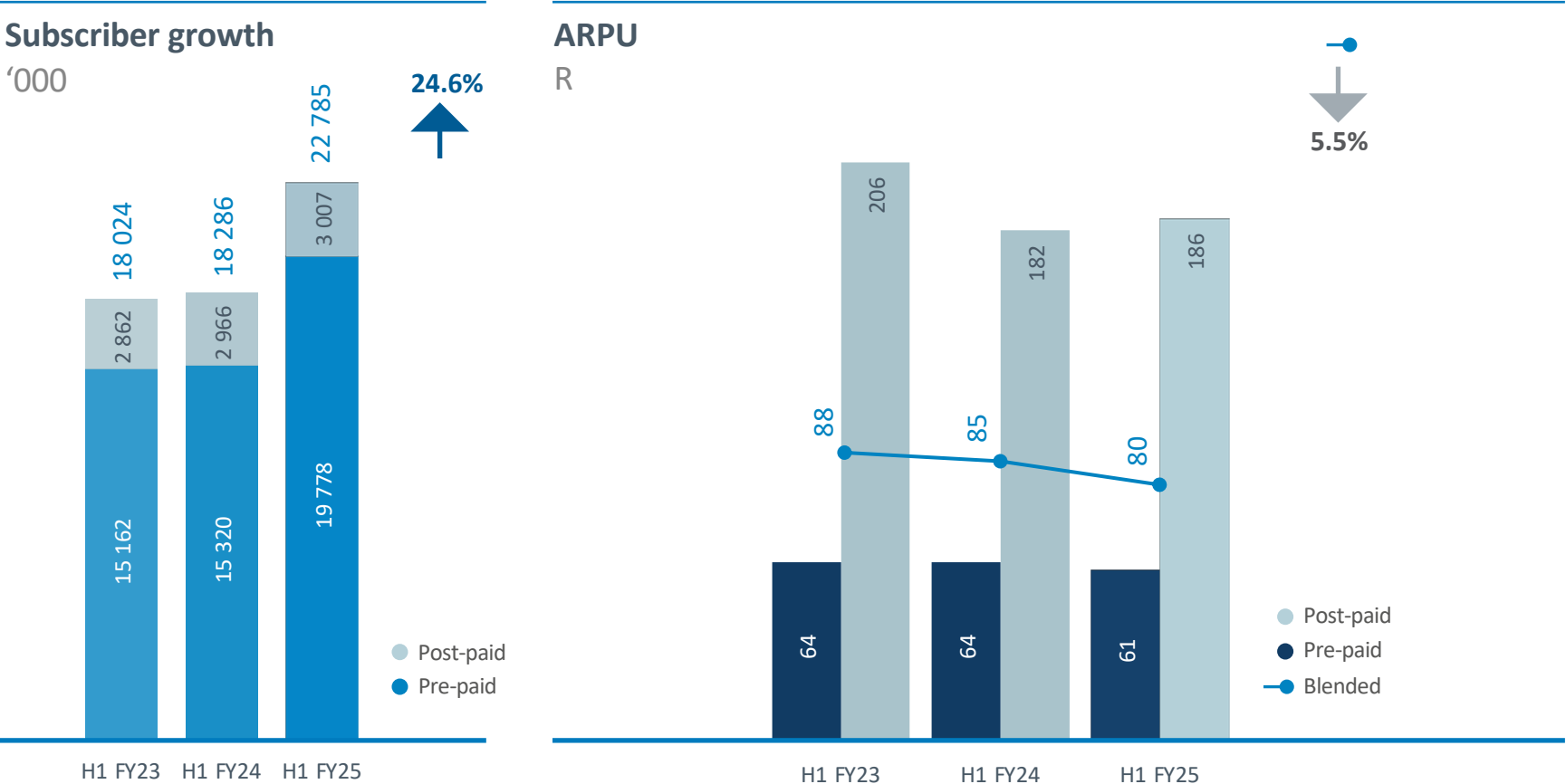


Revenue growing as anticipated:

- Consumer 3.2%
- Mobile service revenue 10.0%
- Mobile data revenue 12.7%
- Fibre revenue 18.2%

**Mobile EBITDA margin** in line with guidance of 25% by year-end  
Translating into a positive Consumer trajectory

# Growing customer base with stable prepaid ARPU



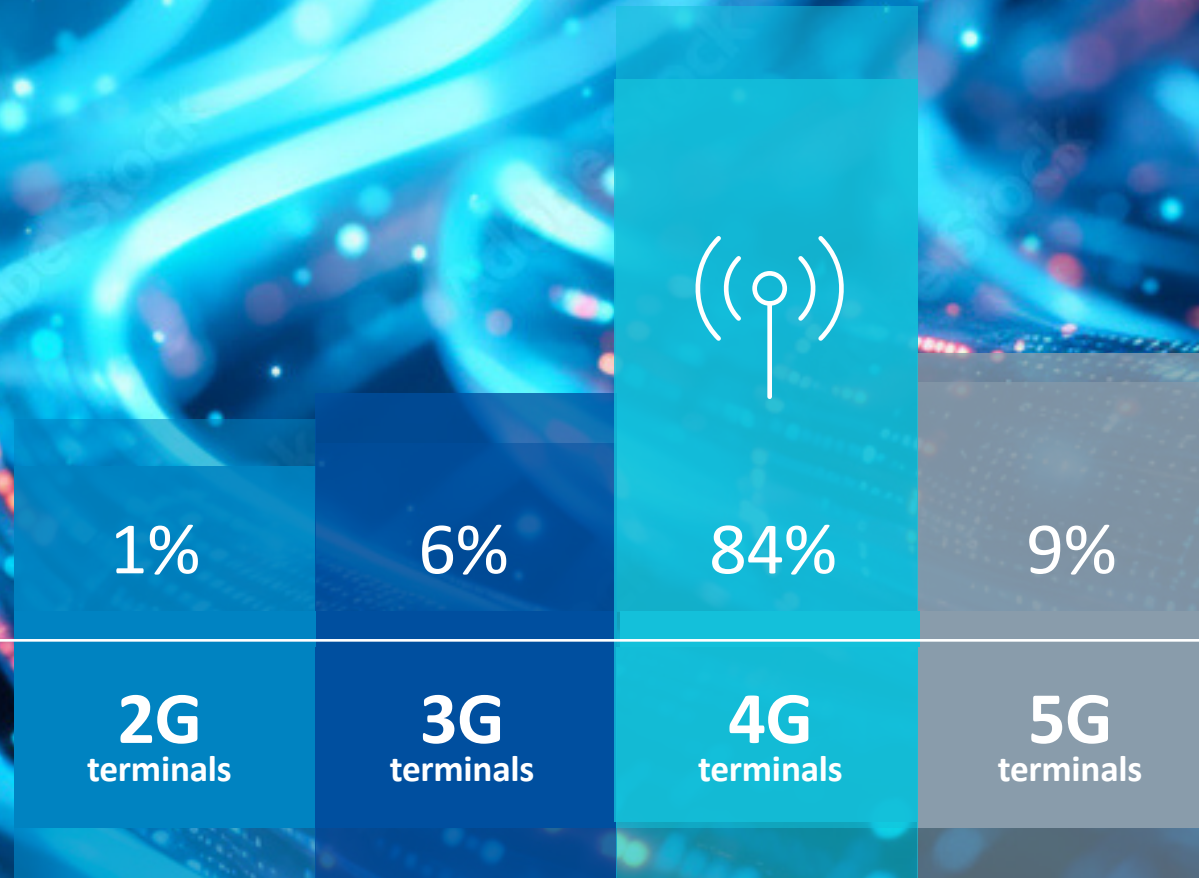
Strong subscriber growth,  
supported by steady ARPUs

Mobile subscriber growth:

- Overall = 22.8m (24.6% increase)
- Post-paid = 3.0m
- Pre-paid = 19.8m (29.1%)

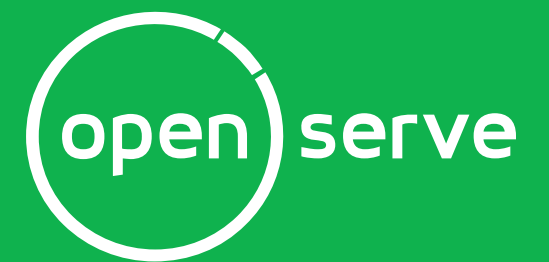


# High 4G device penetration and growing 5G base



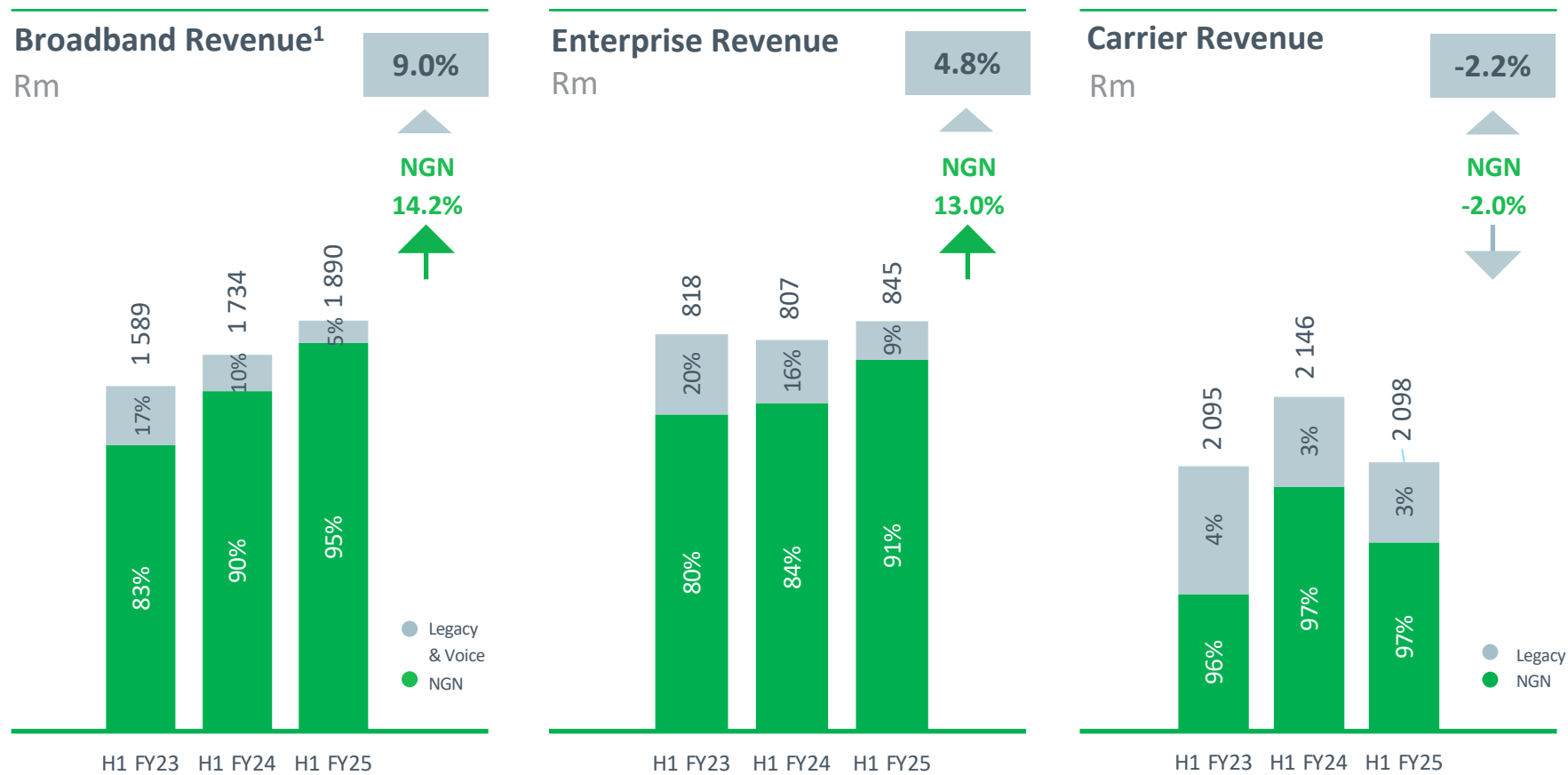
- 93% of customers are 4G and 5G
- 66% of voice customers on Voice over LTE (VoLTE)
- No legacy 2G network, all 2G terminals use roaming
- 6% active 5G sites
- 83% 4G population coverage
- 9% 5G population coverage
- 85% 3G population coverage





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# Evolution of new generation revenue

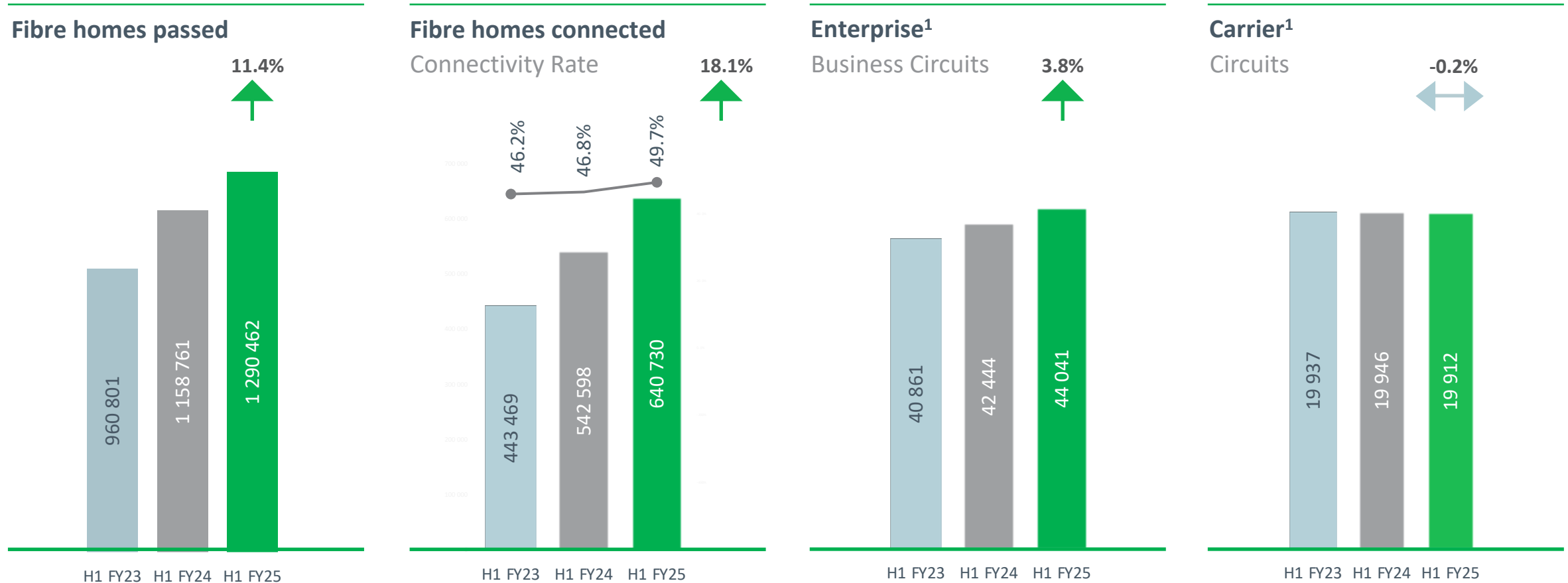


## Key highlights

- Total broadband revenue increased by **9%** driven by continued growth in NGN broadband which grew by **14.2%**.
- NGN enterprise revenue increased by **13%** resulting in an overall increase of **4.8%** in enterprise revenue
- Overall carrier revenue decreased by **2.2%**

<sup>1</sup> Inclusive of WebReach Revenue

# Connect-led strategy continues to drive the highest connectivity rate – 49.7%

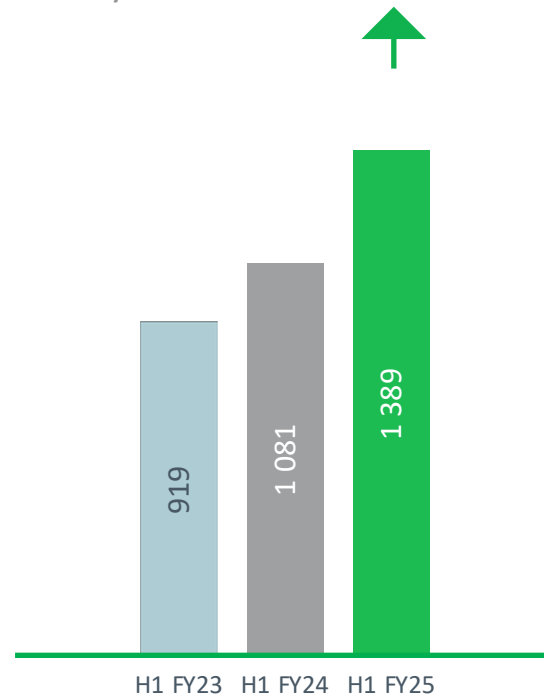


<sup>1</sup> Segment lead approach

## Fixed line broadband data consumption

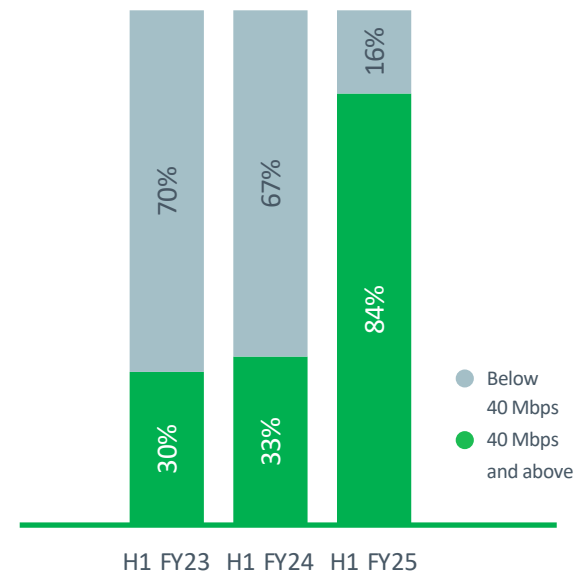
Petabytes

28.5%



## Fixed line broadband services

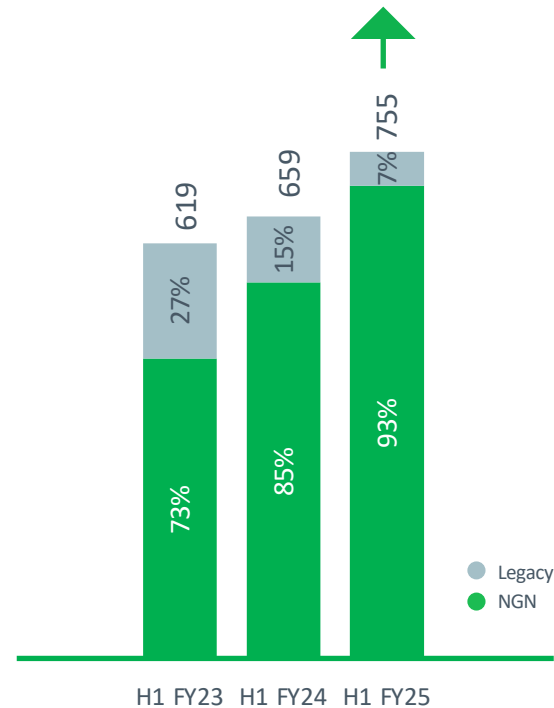
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## Fixed line broadband services

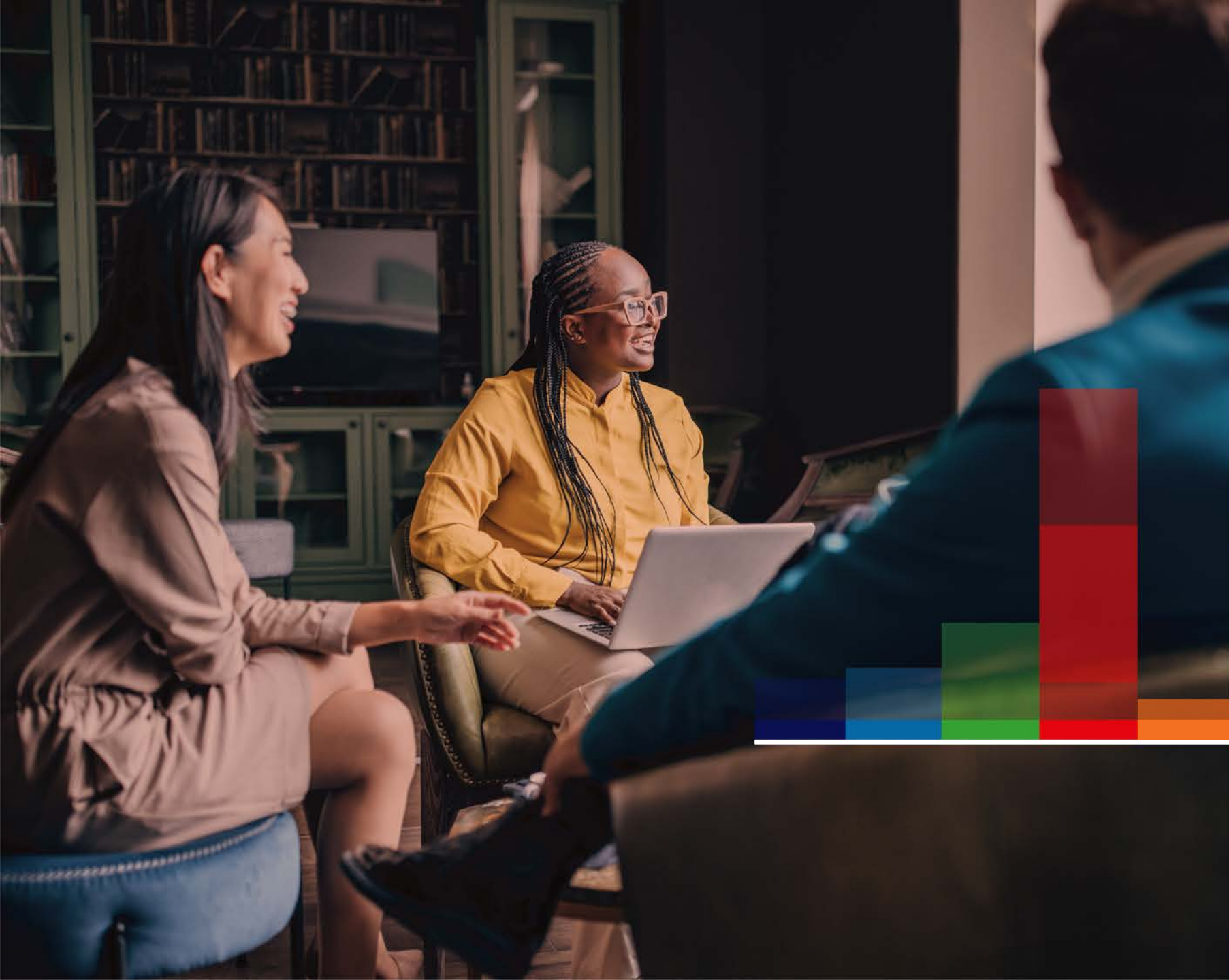
Services ('000)

14.5%



## Key highlights

- Continued increase in data consumption, with a remarkable **28.5%** increase from the prior year
- Shift towards higher speeds with 40Mbps and higher now constituting **84%** of fixed line broadband services
- Fibre access services continue to increase with a YoY growth of **14.5%**

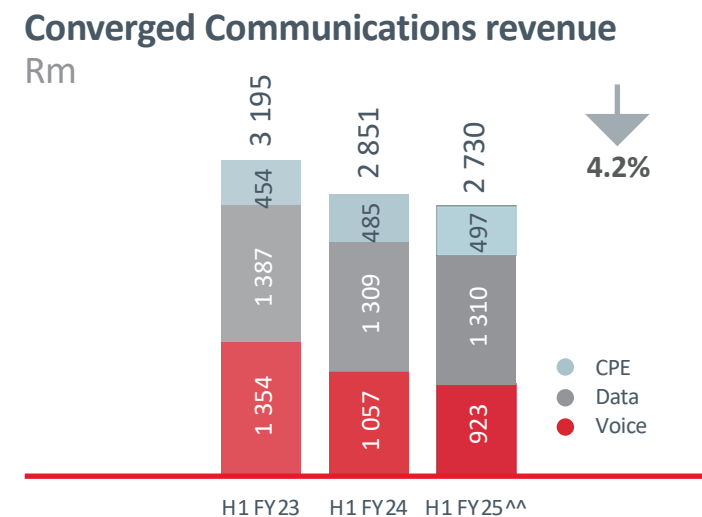
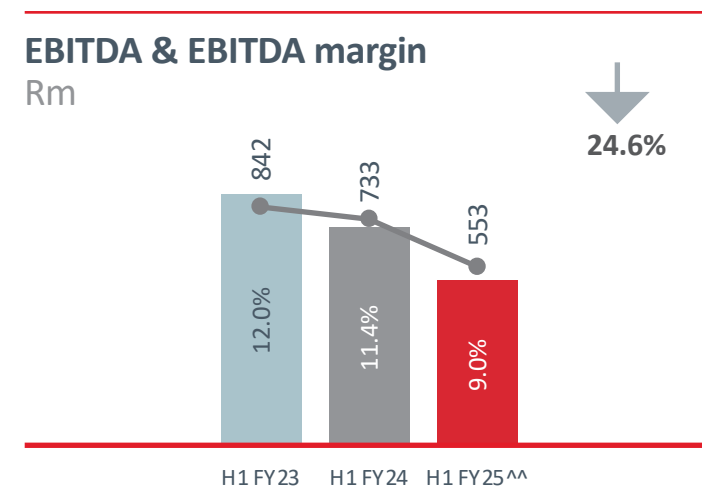
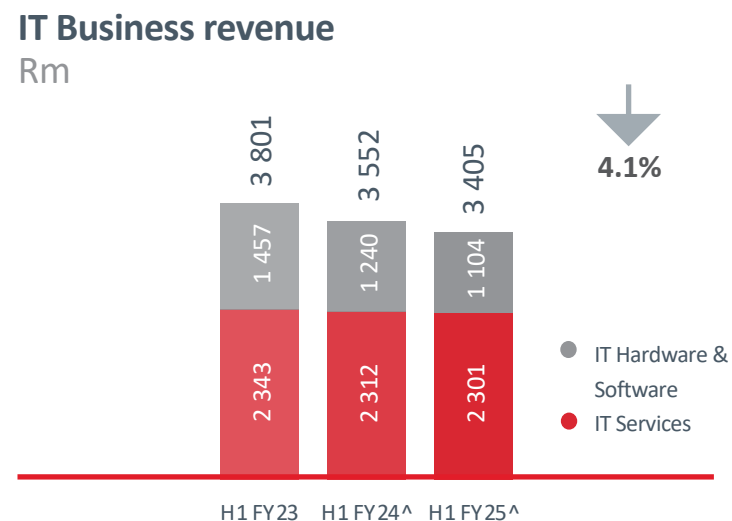
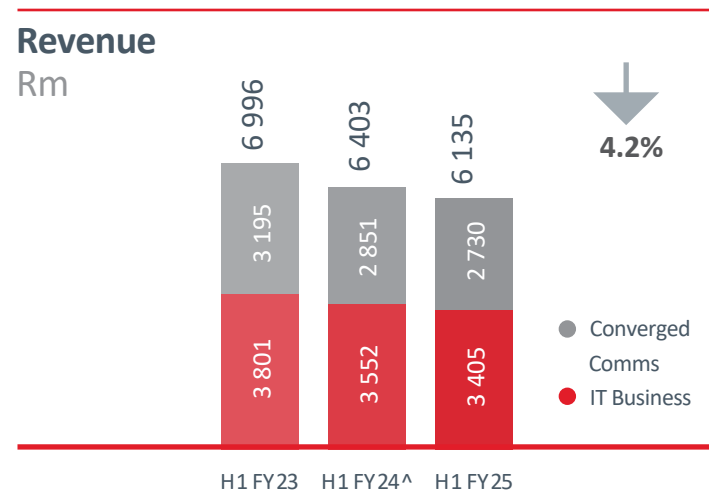


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# Revenue growth supported by IT Business growth



^ Restated for IFRS 15 agent accounting adjustment

^^ Adjusted for R157m restructuring costs